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Letters sent by the Hirdis to the different authorities (including the 18th a Feb) for 1799.

1798 1B

Stephen Lushington Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Accompanying I send the Demand Collection & Balance for December 1798/99 register of Bills & return of troops for December & Estimate of probable receipts and disbursements for the current Month.

Dindigul
10th January 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Revenue Dept
Letter No 1

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government

Sir

I had the honor to receive Mr. Sub Secretary Buchan's letter of the 19th Ultimo & in obedience to the orders of the Right Honorable Governor in Council immediately took measures for assembling as many sheep & cattle as possible the number according to present appearances this District can afford will be about 550 Head of cattle including coolies & about 5500 sheeps they may be collected in seventeen days from the receipt of the order for collection.

The late general order regarding sheep will fully answer the expense of purchase and most likely ensure to the full extent a regular supply to the Army not always to Garrisons.

The price for cattle should always be what the ryots demand which is generally what they ask for to each other and which is also reasonable thus acting towards them they will have no objection to supply all they can.

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Your letter of the 29th Ultimo respecting Carriage bullocks I was duly honored with and in obedience to the orders therein

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contained will give every assistance in my power for the furtherance of the service.

The number of carriage bullocks from this District will be very scarce indeed. I have for these last two years never been able to get more than four hundred and eighty for the carriage of grain. although the employ has been constant and the owners have been regularly paid and generally in advance. I would always have given employ to about fifteen hundred and the constancy of the service would have made it an object for the Maistries to have brought more had they been procurable.

I have &ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis

Dindigul
10th January 1799

To The Cunnivaudy Poligar.

I have lately frequently written to you for the payment of the balance of your Kist & the money due by you to the Periacollum Tahsildary for the grain you received from thence for your brother's marriage.

You have often promised payment but your actions not corresponding with your promises prove that you are a man on whom no dependance whatever can be placed.

In addition to this disobedient conduct I am not a stranger to the encouragement you with other Poligars to the westward have given to some other miscreants at present living in the Sultan's Country and I am well acquainted with the intentions of Moottoovera who was lately the intimate friend of the Verupatchee Poligar who has left his pollam only as a cover to hide his more wicked designs.

I will hold you responsible both

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for his conduct, and for the conduct of Vyapoory Naigue and for every other person in your pollam who acts directly or indirectly contrary to the orders of the Circar

I once more caution you, that however secret you may think yourself you cannot escape detection. Every act of yours and of those who incline you to disobedience is known to me. And although I know you have sense, yet I am sorry to observe folly & oppression have taken a deep root in your mind. Your ryots feel this and thence you yourself will be the cause of your own ruin.

On the 10th September, when I spoke with you, you promised faithfully to follow my advice. I saw that you made this promise more because you wished me not to advice you, than with any intention of acting according to your promise.

I have only now to say, that unless regularity in the performance of your engagements and obedience to the orders of the Sirkar, be more particular & more quick, than before, that I will cause to you a punishment more severe than to any of the other Poligars who have fallen under the displeasure of the Sirkar.

12th January 1799 (Signed) J B Hurdis

To Amanaigue

I have received your letter and understand the contents.

It appears from what you have written that you do not understand what is to be done, and on that account, you think justice will

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not be done to you.

The Amattura Poligar says you have assumed land belonging to his Pollam I mean to enquire into the truth of his words. therefore I have sent my Surveyors do you let them Survey all the ground Amattura points out as belonging to him.

Amattura will of course point out the land you have assumed, as part of his Pollam but until I have myself heard what you and your people have to say no determination will be made.

When your Pollam is begun to be surveyed your people will shew your bounds & as you say the land in dispute between you & Amattura is yours they will of course include it in the land of your Pollam.

At that time Amattura will suffer your people to shew the lands they say belong to your Pollam.

By the Survey I shall exactly understand both the quantity & value of the land in dispute and when I have heard what your people have to say I shall be able to decide on the business.

So far as Amattura says the land is his at that place let his people place marks.

So far as your people say the land is yours at that place he will let your people place marks.

The land between the marks is the land in dispute and if it be proved to be your right it will be given to you & remain always as part of the Pollam of Amanaigoor. On the Contrary if it be proved to be the right of Amattura it will be given to him & always remain as part of the Pollam of Amattura.

I send Govind Row now to you to explain matters that you may understand, my intention is to do strict justice.

You are to sign the Muchaliga, I sent to you, and you are to understand any further delay on your part, will bring on you much displeasure.

You say the Ammattra Poligar & his people have plundered your people of many things — send me a particular Account — and for all that are proved upon him he shall be answerable.

In your Arzees you do not state circumstances clearly and truly. You are to understand that in future all such as are not written distinctly and truly I will return to you.

You have always been the latest of all Poligars in the payment of your Hist — and tho you have always made promises of obedience you have never acted according to your promises.

I am well acquainted with the intrigues you and others are engaged in, & the correspondence you keep up with those the Circar has proscribed — do not think because I am silent, that I cannot see — if you do think so, it is mistake that will endanger your own safety.

If you act in obedience to the orders of the Circar you may assured of it's protection — but if in spite of this warning you act with prevarication & disobedience the consequences be on your head.

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis

14th January 1799

William Petre Esquire
President &ca of the Board of Revenue

Gentleman

I have honored with your Commands of the 1st January on the 9th Instant and in obedience thereto have now the pleasure of submitting what further occurs to me on the subject of calling out the Peons of the Poligars.

Much as it may be the wish of Government to prevent the use of an armed force by the Poligars – it is assuredly impossible to do it but by overawing them even in time of peace, & such aversion is merely a temporary prevention of disturbance –

Every ryot of the Poligars is a Peon & holds lands of him as he does the Pollam from the Cirkar viz for service to be performed

Every ryot of the Poligar have either a Musquet a Carnatic Matchlock or a pike – and every ryot attends the call of the Poligar and is obedient to his orders & his only

In this account I simply state not only what the ryot does but what the Poligar pleads as his prescriptive right and what my own observation of their manners and Customs have confirmed.

The Poligars are under the injunctions of Government respecting armed Peons – My recommendation for calling out their Peons arose 1st from conviction that they would call them together whether the Sirkar ordered them or not it was therefore to anticipate the act of disobedience in them and to preserve the appearance of authority in the province which from the weakness of the Battalion on account of the drafts from it, is little more than nominal, and which in the event of the Poligars assembling their Peons of their own accord, would increase their thought in proportion as they discovered the means of restraint to be wanting –

It may however be asked if, in case of assent to the proposal, the means inducing it would be effected – to this I answer it would gain time for Government to take measures for the defence of the Country, and that even were

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the Poligars to begin their preditory warfare
it would be a decrease of the numbers they
would otherwise be able to send out, on such
diabolical exertions.

With respect to Luckia Naigues influence and
intrigues among the Dindigul & Manapara Poligars I have
no reason to change the opinion I have already submitted
to your Board but I have every reason to suppose his
influence will be successful unless troops are spared to
cover the booth. & melancholy indeed will be the event,
should the seeds of rebellion he is sowing take root & spread

It is to be expected that the dispossessed
Poligars will try to regain their Pollams & make
as much trouble as possible & unless we have a power-
-ful detachment however they will assuredly effect
what they may intend on the contrary should there
be a strong force on the frontier of this province - the
additional sibbendy might perhaps keep all quiet.

The Poligar of Dindigul whom I have
reason to think influenced by Luckia Naigue are
principally Verapatchee Cunnivaudy, & Amma-
-naigue and those of Manapara Ramgherry Nut-
-tum and Comarawaddy.

As disaffection of the Dindi-
-gul Poligar, I shall in the first place remind
your Board of the sums which appeared, on the
report of the committee of enquiry on Mr. Wynche's
Conduct to have been exacted from each Poligar
by the Dubash Vasoo Deva Pillay and from which
the Poligars have as yet received no compensation.

In the second place the relationship
existing between the dispossessed Poligars & those
now in possession will most powerfully operate
against the orders of the Sirkar. I have as briefly
as possible detailed the connections of each in the
accompanying statement, whence your Board on
reference to the general Map of the Peninsula
will perceive the extent of Country covered by the

Pollams

Pollams of these several Poligars and thence judge not only of their strength but of the influence their conduct may have on the Colleries and the other Poligars of the Southern Country.

I have &c.

Dindigul 16th January 1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collr.

Poligar in possession	Dispossessed Poligar	Degree of relationship to the Possessed Poligar	Whence derived
Amanaique	Vellacondan Naique	Nephew	Sister's son
Cunnivaudy	Palamoottoo Naique of Thocumputty	Brother in law	By marriage of his daughter to Cunnevaudy
	Gopia Naique of Sandiloor	D°	D°
	Gollappa Naique of Nellacotta	half Brother	by marrying the 2d daughter of Gopia Naique of Sandioor
Verupatchee	Pulliapa Naique of Pulliapa Naignoor	2d Cousin	by intermarriage
	of Yerricotta	2d Cousin	by intermarriage
Guntuppa Naique	Pajamy Naique of Devadanapetty	Brother in law	by marriage of the late Poligars daughter who was half sister to the present Poligar

In addition to those of Dindigul are the following of Manapara Madura & Tinnevelly

of Manapara & Ramgherry	Pulliapa Naique of Pulliapa Naiquenoor	Son in law to the late Poligar	by Marriage
Palamanighee or Cadawoor	of Yerricottah	Nephew	
of Shevagherry in Tinnevelly	Commianaique of Taupaltoor is said to be supported by him & Gollapanaique by Commianaique		

Madura Tummuchi Naique	Commianaique of Taupatoor is said to be supported by him & Golapanaique by Comminaique	
Yellamaday	Poozaury Naique of Deodanaputty	Second son

The Statement of the Madura & Tinnevelly Poligars is more from report, than from what I have been able exactly to ascertain - the others are right.

Independant of the separate distinction I have shewn the possessed Poligars are in close Connection by marriage with each other - particularly Ramgherry & Cunniwady - & the Board are well acquainted with my opinion of the Sera Naique of Ramgherry.

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting for the information of the Right Honorable Governor in Council Extract of letter received from the Tahsildar of Pulney.

Tippoo's policy is to get the chiefs of the most respectable ryots into his power, to ensure the obedience of their dependants, they are flying from his people and seeking refuge under the Company.

In the Anvarcourchee Darapoorum & Coimbatore Countries, are many powerful ryots, who by having the management of three four & more Villages arrogate to themselves the state of Poligars - they are much indisposed towards the conduct of his Managers and might be made serviceable to ourselves.

I have directed the Tahsildar to let them come by a verbal cowle but to order them to remain quiet.

As however the giving refuge to these peoples who are flying from oppression may

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have unpleasant consequences I have to beg the favor of specific orders on the subject for my guidance—

I have &ca.

Dindigul 17th January 1799 } (Signed) T B Hurdis Coll.

Extract of letter from the Tahsildar of Pulney dated 16th January received 17th

The Delli Poligar by order of the Deivan has plundered Ponoveram, and placed a garrison in it. Ponaveram Tombee Gour was not taken, but escaped his family & herds & flocks are come within our bounds to Megoopully where they are staying.

The ryots & others of Tippoo's Country under alarm are coming into our bounds.

The Mivaddy Poligar having left his Pollam is coming with all his goods and Chattles to Poochpatoor as the Natamcaur of that Village reports to me.

Within Tippoo's bounds they are seizing the principal people and handcuffing them are sending them to Seringapatam, on which account they are seeking an assistance within our bounds—

William Petrie Esquire

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentleman

In reply to the letter of the 1st December from Mr. Deputy Secretary Travers respecting Perseram Naigue the son of the late Poligar of Mombara, I have now the honor of submitting my sentiments to your Board—

I delayed the answer that I might observe the disposition of the boy—he is about nineteen years old and I believe of a very mild and tractable disposition—he is certainly the real heir, as his father the late Poligar previous to his death informed me so.

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Youth prevents immediate qualification for the management of his Pollam but his dis=position encourage me to think he would submit to be interested in the proper mode by retaining unrestrained, confidential Sircar people about him and if this could be tried (and the experi=ment is well worth making) with effect, the probable good consequence must be so obvious to your Board as to need no further comment from me on the subject.

I beg to recommend the trial convinced that such treatment must have conse=quences highly favorable and if your Board would be pleased to grant in this instance a discretionary power to me for partially or wholly instating him I trust I should be able to arrange matters as well to the comfort of the Poligar as to the satisfaction of your Board.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
18th January 1799 } (Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending my accounts for December 1798/99 and to subscribe myself

Yours &ca.

Dindigul
19th January 1799 } (Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Stephen Lushington Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I beg the favor of you to inform the Board that Gopaulkistna was delivered to me agreeable to their orders that I demanded of him the Balance due this collection by him and that I have received payment in full for which I have granted him a receipt of this

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date and discharged him -
I have &ca
Dindigul
19th January 1799 } (Signed) J. B. Hurdis

William Petrie Esquire
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Gentleman
I have the honor of enclosing Copy of a letter received this morning from Manapara the circumstances mentioned by Captain Gepp are certainly of an extraordinary nature - I have remarked on the latter for the information of your Board the extreme regularity of the Pulney ryots in their payments renders it difficult for me to credit what is reported of them - I thought proper however to caution Captain Simons so that should the banditti begin I have great hopes he will give a good account of them.
I have &ca
Dindigul
21st January
1799 } (Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Remarks on Captain Gepp's letter

Of the particulars of any measures which the conspiring Poligars may have adopted a intended to adopt, I am unacquainted, but I am fully convinced that they are influenced by Luchia Naique, & that they will do all they can in opposition to the Sirkar, so soon as any force comes below the ghauts.

It's not these measures were I do not know but suppose if they came to the Collectors knowledge that the Board was informed of them.

"When thousands of infatuated &ca"

3 I was last year at the Pulney feast when on a moderate calculation about five hundred thousand people gathered together from the 30th January to the 8 or 9th of February, and no riot or any thing like it happened, I finished the settlement of the District at that time and gave away the puttiums there was no extraordinary force

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at Pylney – there were alarms of Myel Tombee but no trouble whatever –

The feast of 1797 was celebrated during Tomba Gouri's business and duty called & kept me in Pulney, at that time many murders were committed but the District was then very unsettled and continued so until the breaking up of the detachment gave means of protection to it by reestablishing the Cantonment –

"That some of the inhabitants of Pulney" &c.

I am well aware that Moottoo Serogar the confidential friend of the Verupatchee Poligar and who formerly was the predanee of Pylney has inclination to do all he can to get Vyapoory Naigue established Poligar in Pylney, and tho' I have no proof I have strong suspecion this is the plan Luchia Naigue in conjunction with the other Poligars, & on one habit to act on – tis an unfortunate circumstance that Vyapoory's right ever was admitted to be discussed after the investigation on 20th October 1790 and Mr. Macleod's letter of 2d. April 1792. It is very certain, that since Mr. Wynch's letter of the 22d. March 1795 to the Board, that both Moottoo Sherogar & the boy Vyapoory have had hopes of possessing the Pollam, when opportunity might offer, and I cannot but think that the opening of those old wounds will be productive of very much serious mischief as it could possibly tend to none other purpose than to create in the minds of the Poligars generally a distrust in the acts & measures of Government, the consequences of which distrust will most probably be both seen & felt a short time –

It was pleaded by Mr. Wynch in letter 10th April 1795 that the proceedings of the 20th October 1790 and letter the 2d. April 1792 were not in the Cutcharee – admitting all he asserts, the orders of the Board for imprisoning & fining Moottoo Sherogar under date 28 April 1795

1795 ought to have been followed up opportunity was not wanting from that time until June 1796-

Since I have been in management of the District Moottoo Verogar has been in obscurity and his place of residence has been uncertain- Report says Viapoory Naigue has always been with him I know from Hircarrahs he has been in correspondence with Luskia Naigue and on that account I have tried but hitherto without effect to trace his residence whether he be in Verupatchee or Cunnivady is not material, either Poligar if called on would not give him up, his influence is very great over both, and though the information probably embellished his tale yet the grounds are true on conviction of which I submit to your Board the propriety of seizing him with as much secrecy as possible ere his machination in favor of this young Poligar begin to have effect.

On this conviction I also transmitted letter to Captain Simons of which the enclosed is copy for the information of your Board.

Mr. John Travers
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Your letter dated 17th bearing despatch post march of the 19th Instant I have this moment received, and shall pay due attention to the orders therein-

That all matters respecting such orders may go right, I wish to know how these Dooly bearers are to be charged for, how entered in my accounts and as guards will be necessary to Convey than to Camp whether that Batta is to be Revenue batta or not.

I have to observe that these businesses belong to the department of the Agent of supplies. Collectors are furnished with no rules for their guidance and thence in the execution of such orders liable to responsibility in Audit for what they act blindly or, either

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the Collector should have the regulations furnished him – that he may act accordingly or the Agent for supplies should receive the orders & the Collector afford him assistance.

Another point of importance is the business of officers sometimes demanding money for the good of the service of Collector, in bringing this forward I allude only to a part of the records of the Collector of Madura during the late war – and simply with the view of receiving positive orders for my guidance in case such a demand should be made on me –

Necessity may however justify the demand I therefore beg the favor that if the Board should think any exceptions to the rule expedient that they will be pleased to order their transmission with the orders.

I have to request that you will lay this before the Board and favor me with their orders with all possible expedition.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
23d. Jany. 1799

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

To Vellicondaum Naigue

I have received your letter and I understand the Contents.

I yesterday sent you at the intercession of Amanaigue, Cowle to come to the Hoozzoor –

If your intentions are to act in obedience to the Sirkar Orders I will recommend you to favor –

Your letter expresses confidence in me, this I hope you will have, because it will in the end certainly be the means of giving you peace and quiet.

I wish you to consider well what is written, and to be certain that by acting according to Sirkar Orders you may possess peace & happiness. I shall expect to see you at Dindigul before the 30th according to the Cowle I yesterday sent you, which you may be

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afsured I shall abide by

26th January } (signed) J B Hurdis
1799 } Collector

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir
Please to pay at sight to Lieutenant W Cranslow on the detachment Batta Account the sum of Eleven Star Pagodas three thousand & ninety three Mylee fanams & thirty Cash for which cash shall be paid to your Agent at this place on your order.

Dindigul }
28th January } I am &ca
1799 } (signed) J B Hurdis
Collr

To Amanaigue 29th January
I inclose you the receipt for your second Kist your Vakeel will before this time have told you all I said to him respecting your affairs - if you chose to come to me at Dindigul either the 30th or the 31st of January I shall be glad to see you - remember it is on your own businefs and you may be afsured that I shall be very glad not only tell to you but to do for you every thing consistent with Justice that may contribute to your ease & comfort but you must be sincere both in speech & action to ensure succefs - having read this you will act accordingly

I have &ca
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr

William Petrie Esquire
President & Members of the Board of Revenue
Gentlemen
A trifling dispute between the Poligar of Amanaiganoor & the Surveyor respecting the measurement of some land in dispute between Amanaigue & Amattera caused me to send the Tehsildar of Dindigul to explain matter to the Poligars that disagreement might be prevented

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and business go on.

The object of the mission being finished, the Poligar of Amanaiguenoor entered into a variety of topics with the Tahsildar answers to which your Bd. will observe in the accompanying translate No. 1 but as they do not generally tend to the subject of this letter I shall defer explanations on all Same one viz the dispossessed Poligar Yerriodoo.

The Character of Vellacondama Naigue your Board will find in my letter of 18th September 1797 avowedly given on information received. I conceived under present circumstances it would be well to con=ciliate this Poligar and I sent him enclosed in the letter to Amanaigue the Cowle No. 2.

Before he could have had received the Cowle he wrote and sent me the Urzee No. 3 certainly by Amanaigues direction because both the original letters of the Poligars are written by the same hand, this is very different from others I had received from Poligars in the same predicament & thence had hoped that he would submit.

The Peon who carried my tahed to Amanaigue returned late on the night of the 27th with information that the dispossessed Poligar was coming to the Cutcharee he came in with full confidence on the morning of the 28th but I was prevented seeing him by business until 2 O'Clock when his appearance exhibited marks of want & misery.

The promised obedience and a strict observance of orders in such manner as if he intended to act up to his promises on leaving me I presented him with one hundred rupees and promised to recommend his case for the consideration of your Board.

It appears to me that the Character of the Predaun has in part been given for that of the Poligar. I could not see on the short acquaintance I had with him any thing that indicated either a cruel or vindictive dis=position and if he really be of suspicious temper there surely has been a reason for it, since his life

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for he is not more than twenty two years of age) has been a series of misfortunes both to himself & family arising, as much, in my opinion, from having had people about him administering to his pleasures involving him in debt, as from many inherent vicious habits he himself might possess—

It is evident to my mind that the Dubashes Vasoodava Pillah Vencatachellum & Arnachellum all notorious on the records of the Dindigul Cutcharee hastened his ruin, for I cannot think a man so favored by the Company as he was at the fall of the District would have acted in opposition to the Circar Orders had not some secret influence arising from, as yet, an undiscovered reason unfortunately directed him.

This Pollam was declared sequestered for ever to return it therefore would be very impolitic but I beg leave to recommend that a pension chargeable on the Pollams of Yerryode of one hundred rupees per Month be granted to him so long as he conducts himself with propriety and I have to request that the present I made him may be admitted in the Accounts.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
29th January
1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To Amanaiques

(Enclosure No.) I have received your letter in answer to the one I sent by Govind Row, who has explained to me what you have said to him.

In the letter I received January 8 you say the Regiment has paid for all excepting grass firewood & Pots

Do on the 11th January that you have given the Regiment Sheep fowls Eggs limes Grass firewood & Pots to the Amount of 25 Chs. and by the Memorandum from Govindrow you charge 8 Chs. fine fanams for 4 Annas—

I send you Extracts from your own

Letters

letters—

Now in such influenced thieves — what am I to believe — does it not shew me that you do not attend to your affairs, that your people tell falsities, or that you are trying to deceive me

These letters are a proof of what I have told you viz that you do not write distinctly and thence not only delay my intentions of doing immediate justice, but cause me also to suspect that you are purposely — trying to deceive me.

I now answer the Memorandum you sent by word of mouth by Govindrow—

I have told you the Sholavundan Cawelly shall be settled with justice this you may be assured I am — disposed to, but as the Nabob's people have made many Complaints on you it is proper they should be heard, that you may understand all you are accused of, and give your answer before any determination can take place—

The renting of Veeramungalum the Nabob's Managers will give to whom they please, but if you write me fully on the subject I will also write them & if they approve of your offer they will act accordingly—

If your Caurwar can give any security in Dindigul for his future good behaviour I will release him if he cannot, I will not release him—

I have heard that the marks set up by the Ammatara Poligar's people on the disputed ground have been thrown — down by your people — this conduct only delays justice, it will not prevent it, it shews your people are wrong and that you have a bad cause to support — because you are afraid

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to submit to enquiry. If I find this true I will surely punish the offenders.

If you have the acts of plunderers which you assert against the Poligar of Amattara he will of Course be responsible.

If Vellacondama Naique chooses to return to obedience to the Sirkar, and chooses to come into the Hoozoor at Dindigul and acknowledge his faults I will write to the Board in his favor and enclose a Cowle limiting the time to five days, within which time from the 25th Instant if he come he shall have free ingress & egress but after five days that is after the 30th Instant this Cowle (unless he come) will not be of no use avail him.

You will weigh this well & act accordingly.

I never grant receipts until the whole kist arrives you will therefore send your balance directly when you will get the receipt.

25th January 1799 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collr.

To Vellacondama Naique

(Inclosure No. 2) At the intercession of Amanaigue in your behalf I send you this Cowle Viz. from the 25th Instant to the 30th inclusive you are at liberty to come into the Huzzoor Chuckaree and explain your circumstances you may be assured you shall have free egress & ingress and if you in future act in obedience to the orders of the Sirkar I will recommend to the Hoozoor that some favor be Shewn you.

You are to remember that the Cowle is null and void on the 30th Instant and having considered well what is written you will act accordingly.

25th January 1799 (Signed) T. B. Hurdis

(No. 3 Inclosure)

Translation of an Arzee from Vailacondama Naig to Mr. Hurdis.

Some time before when I was in possession of my Pollam in Syed Saib's times, he came with a Sewarry and seized me and my family & confined us all in Dindigul.

For four years he kept me in these difficulties, till my lucky day came by the Honorable Company having taken possession of the Dindigul District, when many other people, who were in the like situation with me in Syed Sayeb's time were all permitted by the Company to go to their respective home and I was allowed to enjoy my Pollam, and assured that I should enjoy the Company's favor, if I conducted my=self prudently.

Tho' I was then only of a young man I understood every thing and behaved myself according to the Company's desire very pru=dently.

Thus I was situated till the Com=mittee came to Dindigul when an order was sent to the twenty four Poligars to go into Din=digul. At this time a Peon with a Belt & Plate came with a Purwannah to my Pollam to call me there. Having once before been taken and confined in Dindigul, I was seized with a great fear of mind, thought my unfortunate time was arrived, that I was to be taken, & was doubtful of holding my Pollam and.

Being unacquainted with the intentions of the Company I flew to the other side of my Pollam, and went from Village to Village, one day I was in one place, the next in other — from these causes I am driven to great extremities.

Every body speaks of and praises you as possessing uncommon goodness of heart & as being exact & True to all your words & actions.

Moreover that there are many Poligars who like me were in great distress, but now all enjoy your favor and protection & have every one of them some means of living afforded them

them by trusting to your Charitable disposition. Having heard this publicly spoken of every where, I am in consequence assured the Circar will be as Father mother and teacher to me-

I have written this Urzee which if it should gain the favor of the Circar, my whole poverty and distress will retire from me as the due does from the beams of the morning Sun-

The Circar must have favor unto & protect me, and their protection will have the same weights with me as the Lord God.

You must shew as much protection to me, as to a Child in arms, and therefore must not desert me- you must instruct me in wisdom & put me in a way of living and protect me in it.

In writing this Urzee I believe you to be the God Ramasawmy-

The Circar will be pleased to make a proper enquiry into and settle the difficulties by which I have been troubled-

I have not written any thing extraordinary to-

Whenever the Circar shall be desirous to consider me as their Son my fears will become abated, by the protection afforded me-

You will send me an Enayet-namah for my future conduct

William Petree Esquire

President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In consequence of the permission granted under date 1st January to raise Sibbendies for the security of this province I proceeded to make levies- the arms however of the men Matchlocks & pikes who offered being in my opinion very inefficient I applied to the Commandant of this Garrison for a number of Old arms/ Vide No. 1 2 & 3 to be delivered on Indent- there being many among

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the new levies who have been used to the Musquet.

Your Board will perceive by the letter to Captain Robertson that I propose receiving the arms only as I have near to use them and should my proposal be approved by the Board I hope the sanction of Government may be obtained.

I propose the pay of such as will submit to training to be five Rupees each per Month — a Duffadar to every twenty five men with eight Rupees and a Jemadar to every hundred with fifteen per Month — this pay however only to such as learn the use of the Musquet. the others will receive the old rate of pay, which however in consequence of the present dearth arising from the want of rain and which will be more and more felt every day I could wish if circumstances should require it, to have a discretionary power to raise to four Rupees per Man — assuring your Board that I will most rigidly adhere to Economy which will not impede the Public Service.

I formerly took the liberty of requesting an allowance for a Marquee to my Assistant the public Service will now much more than before require his being out I therefore beg leave again to request that the allowance usually made to Captns may be given to him — and that your Board will be pleased to sanction its introduction in my accounts.

I have &ca
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
3d February
1799

T. B. Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir
Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending Estimate of Probable receipts & dis-

-bursements

=bursements for the Current Month Return of Troops & Register of Bills for January

Dindigul
5th February 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir
Inclosed you will get duplicate of Estimate of probable receipts and disbursements for the Current Month.

Dindigul
5th February
1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir
I have the honor to transmit you here=with the Demand Collection & Balance of the Revenue of Fusly 1208 in the District of Dindigul to 31st January 1799.

Dindigul
7th February 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

To
Imanaique

The Survey boys reported to me this morning that a great number of your people prevented them doing their business. You will read again my letter of the 8th and the one I sent to you by Govindrow.

By this Survey I shall know the extent of the land in dispute. I have heard that your people have knocked down the marks Ram Row put up. I hope this is not true for if I find it is be assured I will severely punish the offenders.

You had better let the business go on quietly, if you do not you shall feel my displea=sure in a manner you do not yet understand. I give you this warning, you will do wisely to stay quiet.

You will send your people to shew the extent of your Bounds whether within the disputed land or not where the boys call them

10th February 1799

Sd/ T B Hurdis
Collr.

To Amanaigue

I received your letter this morning and the Cadjan about 12 OClock what is written in the Cadjan is untrue and what your people have done is quite contrary to my orders.

I directed you to send three or four of this people who best know the bounds to attend and shew them, instead of which Vellaidum Sherogar without understanding the business, stops the boys and writes to you a false account, of what was doing, for which you will punish him.

My orders to you are to let the Amattura Poligar point out all the ground he says belongs to his Pollam, to the boys, and when he has done that and the boys have surveyed what he points out, then let your people point out the different places your bounds serve to, that all may be understood.

The stones now standing are to be pulled down on any account whatever but in the places which the Amattura Poligar shews as his bounds stones are to be placed by his people, and in the places your people shew as your bounds they will place stones.

You will obey this order exactly for if I find the Sherogar gives any further trouble you may be assured I send a party that shall enforce my orders in a manner you do not think off.

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Colla.

11 February
1799

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir

I have received your letter of the 11th Instant and have in reply to say that I cannot supply you with the sum you require, in consequence of the increased expences here, and the

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heavy draft you made on my treasury last month.

It is only from Current Revenue that supplies can be made to you, and tho' I have hopes of getting in the Kists, still the alarmed state of the Country renders it impossible for me to specify any given time.

I have further to observe that I have received orders to remit to the presidency the balance of Cash in my treasury I would therefore recommend your Application to the Collector of Southern assigned Peishcush for any extraordinary supplies you may require.

I observe Captain Bannerman requires the Cash in P. N. Pag^s. at the Current exchange of this place - It must be a matter of Concern what the exchange may be as the difference will always appear either as profit or loss to the Company in the Accounts -

Dindigul
12th February
1799

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll^r.

To The Cunniwady Poligar

I have waited some time for the second Kist of your Peishcush, but you have not sent it, nor the balance you owe for grain now I have simply to tell you that if it be not sent directly you shall feel my displeasure in a manner you do not expect, and very speedily.

I understand Moottoo Sherogar is gone from your Pollam to Caroor & that the Teera Naigue of Ramgherry in conjunction with your assistance under Moottoo Sherogar's sanction is to attack Pulney and plunder the inhabitants.

You have I hear given Moottoo Sherogar a large sum of money, the Teera Naigue has also given him money and this is to assist him in gathering Peons and with the assistance of Luchia Naigue helps him to make trouble in Pulney -

I now understand the first movement

hear of any trouble in Pulney I will hold you and your Pollam responsible by proscribing you & assuming your Pollam.

The Vera Naigue of Rungherry shall also feel my displeasure there is not one trick of his that I am unacquainted with — and I will make both him and you feel the effects of your disobedience.

You will notice this letter and regard it as the last Caution you will receive from me. Your youth and inexperience alone has hitherto prevented punishment. I did hope the indulgence I had shewn you would have made you act with propriety but as your actions shew it will not I again advise you to beware of punishment.

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

14th February
1799

Stephen Lushington Esquire
Collector of Southern Peshcush

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing Copy of a Cadjan sent as the Messenger said from Murdapah Sherogar to the Tahsildar of Nellacottah.

I can make neither head nor tail of the Contents but it probably alludes to something in project among the Poligars, which your timely interference may put a stop to.

I shall only observe that if any thing be in it more than the Sherogars Common bazar news that I think it may owe it's origin to some abominable intrigue of Luckia Naigue.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
18th February
1799

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir
I have this morning ordered two thousand

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Str. Pagodas to be delivered to your agent for pay of Major Lindsay's Battalion &ca.

I can in coins afford you for Major Bannerman's five thousand Star Pagds. and on the 1st of the Month I trust I shall be able to advance you five thousand Str. Pagodas, as to what I may be able to advance during the Month I cannot specify any sum - the mention of any would only lead both you & myself into more.

If you will direct your agent to receive Major Bannerman's part it shall be paid to him.

Dindigul
16th February
1799

I have &ca.
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To
The Cunniwadoly Poligar

I have received your letter & understand the Contents - your writing is the writing of a man obedient to the Sirkar but your actions are in all respects different. they have always shewn you the first of all Poligars in disobedience & the last in propriety.

Under the appearance of truth you write what you know to be untrue the vicious pursuits your bad advisers have led you in have destroyed your sense - they are now hurrying you on to ruin -

I have told you I will hold you answerable for any disturbance in Pulney - I now tell you that I will hold you answerable for any disturbance from Ramgherry or other Poligars - and also for those disturbances which may happen in any of the assumed Pollams or Sirkar lands of Dindigul -

Moottoo Seroogar & his son Sámnad Pillah are the Chief people who cherish your actions - every bad thought & wicked intent of yours springs from their advice - It is therefore

my

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my Order that you send Moottoo Sherogar to the Hoozzoor. Samnad Pillah is unwell now, when he is well you will send him, but you are to send directly Moottoo Sheroogar.

You will consider well this order & comply with it, if you do not be assured the aggravated disobedience you have shewn shall immediately meet with its reward.

You tell me the Kist money shall be Collected as soon as possible My Orders were sent to you the 30th latter end of December for the Collection & for you to send it according to the date expressed in your Moochelga. Your not doing this, is acting Contrary to the Sirkar Orders.

I will not grant four days for the payment of your kist. Your actions have repeatedly shewn me your words are not to be depended upon. and I have only now to tell you that unless my orders are directly complied with I will proceed to do that which shall fully prove to you that I will make you obey them.

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

17th February
1799

Dear Macaulay

I got yours with the two enclosures at 10 minutes after 11 P M Sunday 17th & I sent them off directly to Paulghaut, in future pray dont let the paper be doubled for the quill for I can scarcely roll it properly we are quiet here at present. I took Copy of both enclosures, which as a duplicate goes off tomorrow by another route. I shall of Course write the moment I got an answer of the safe arrival of either at Paulghaut.

Yours &ca,
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
17th February
1799

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Mey

My dear Sir

I am just favored with your answer to my Public letter I could wish that the guard over my Cash Chest and the dafters might be wholly distinct from the Paymaster and that the naigue may be directed to report night and morn to me.

Should want of Sepoy cause your present arrangement four Sepoys from the guard at my Cutcharee / now H. N. I. 1 - 1 - 12 might be dispensed with - and the guard in future be only H. N. I. 1 - 1 - 8 as double sentries over the Cash Chest were here always necessary.

19th February 1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To Major Lindsay

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The remark in my accounts Demand Collection and balance for November & December of the Current year, that "the Kistbundy herein "entered, was for the last month, as well as this, "taken from that formed on the Jummabundy "for 1207, the reason because the troubles in the "Pulney Talook and on the Nabob's frontier have "prevented my finishing it a few days will "Complete it when an explanatory Memorandum "will accompany it" must have led you to suppose there might be a surplus Collection to account for, which is the case, the Jummah of this year being much greater than for 1207.

As the Jummabundy is now finished / and will be sent as soon as copied / I thought the least trouble would be to correct the treasury accounts by it, as well that the due proportion of sheets might be pursued as that, the comparison between the Estimate & real collections might be made without comparison or difficulty. I have therefore the pleasure of sending accounts Current and demand Collection & balance rectified with

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the Kistbundy & Jummabundy for 1208 for Novemb^r.
& December.

The only difference on the Debit side will be the Collection of the increased assessment and on the Credit side the disbursement of the additional Commission on its net Collection.

I hope no inconvenience will occur to your Office, and I have to beg the favor of you to send me back the Treasury accounts before sent for November & December_Abstracts for D^o. Accounts Commission & demand Collection & Balance for D^o. substituting those now transmitted in their place

I have &c^a.
(signed) I B Hurdis
Coll^r.

Dindigul
18th February
1799 }

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting the accounts of the District under my management for the Month of January 1798/99

I have &c^a.
(signed) I B Hurdis
Coll^r.

Dindigul
18th February 1799 }

William Petrie Esquire
President &c^a. Members of the B^d. of Rev^e.

Gentlemen

In the transmission of the Jummabundy for the District under my management I should have much satisfaction in calling the attention of your Board to the increase of Cultivation and Revenue, did I not feel the necessity of anticipating a failure in collecting it from the uncommon Drought that has prevailed for these last eighteen Months in

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this

this other Countries to the Southward

The Dry Crops are almost every where gone - the places most favored yet about three sixteenths of the usual Crop - and the general average of the Country from the information I have received, and from the parched & burnt up fields I have seen, is about two sixteenths of the customary produce -

In Pulney the wet grain Villages the tanks of which are filled by the River are tolerably well off but those which are filled from the high grounds & have no Connection with the river have not had one drop of water in them - consequently not one plough has been put to labour these particular Villages are - Codamungalum Caliganaigunpully & Tattangolum, the Cuoba Cramungalum and Agrahárum have not been able to plough one fourth of their lands owing to the want of water and it is only from the little saved from former years, and the remains of the Garden land produce watered by wells, that the ryots pay their kists - which they do with cheerfulness notwithstanding the severity of the season.

In the Valley the wet lands have produced about one third only of the usual Crop, and that third if wholly taken will not answer the Circar Demand. I cannot but rejoice at the forward state of the Tank repairs in that Quarter, because from my own knowledge I am satisfied that if what is finished, had been left undone, this Country would have felt every misery that famine without the power of relief could produce -

A partial remedy however has been applied in taking of the customs on grain, as directed by your Board under date this has produced an influx both from the Sultans & Nabob's Country not so much from the increased price of grain as from the immediate payment for the Commodity paid from Contingencies -

Not -

Notwithstanding this bad appearance I trust if this province be undisturbed, the misery of the famine may be in some degree averted by the selling off the large quantities of grain that were mortgaged to Narraindoss Samy Moodely and other notorious Speculators in 1795 & 1796 in this Country but the Monopoly should not remain with them, Compassion for those in misery will weigh little in Comparison with the golden dreams the rate of one or more Pagodas per Cullum would afford them.

It is a natural question to ask how cause this grain not to be sold before, the answer is — because the Bazar price until now has always been under the price per Cullum at which the grain was mortgaged, the speculators saw the loss in that view clear - but they did not provide against the greater by wastage & rot, so that of 17000 Cullums which in 1796 were good at

Pereacolum not more than 8000 now are saleable and even of double the price were there now on the grain the loss would be in greater proportion than before —

Another Month must pass ere the produce of the Country can be exactly ascertained and the means for relief perfectly known. Should however the effects of the season press more on the ryots I beg to have a discretionary power to purchase all the good grain I may be able to obtain, and to retail it at the lowest possible price securing the Sirkar it's disbursements being well assured that if one or two people must possess all the grain it would tend more to the Comfort of the inhabitants & to the Certainty of Supply were the Sirkar the Monopoliser —

Unfavorable as the prospect is, the support I have been concerned with from your Board bids me hope for it's confidence in my

18 Exertions

Exertions to remedy it, & in that hope again to repeat my assurances of unabated vigilance, in the discharge of my duty — at present however more in attention to the Comfort of the inhabitants than to the immediate gain of the Sirkar, but always mostly zealously on both as the interest of each can be reconciled & connected with the other —

Matepollum
19th February 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue
Sir

Owing to an omission yesterday sent the Jummabundy & Kistbundy of the District under me to the Board instead of you. I have however requested the Secretary to hand it over to you, and to offer my apologies for the error.

Dindigul
20 February 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir

The Enclosed is Bill No. 36 dated February 19th for Star Pagodas 2000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

Dindigul
22d February 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Robert Wolf Esquire
Accountant General
Sir

The enclosed is Copy of Bill No. 36 dated

February

February 19th for Star Pagodas 2000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
22d February 1799

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The enclosed is a Bill No. 37 Dated 20th February for Star Pagodas 5000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

Dindigul
23d February 1799

Robert Wolf Esquire
Accountant General

Sir.

The enclosure is Copy of Bill No. 37 dated 20th February for Star Pagodas 5000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
23d February 1799

To
The Collector at Paulgautcherry

Sir

Had I the pleasure of knowing your name I should rightly address you, that not being the case I trust you will excuse inadvertencies.

I enclose a declaration received at my Cutcharee from a very respectable Lable and I have to beg the favor of you to enquire into the merits of the Case. It strikes me as arising more from private pique than any thing else — as the people concerned in the abominable traffic are not connected with the Complainant, nor resident within the Company's

juris-

jurisdiction.

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
25th February 1799

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government Fort St. George

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 21st Instant with which I am this instant favored I have to observe with information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council that no delay on my part has ever been made to the issue of cash to the extent of my means on the Madura Paymasters' indent.

In the disbursements of the current Month he drew on me for nearly ten thousand Pagodas more than usual having received of me since the first of this Month seventeen thousand Pagodas his indents for seven thousand fell to be supplied from the Collections of the current Kist consequently a delay until the Kist came into my treasury was unavoidable I have further promised him five thousand Pagodas on the 1st of March.

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
25th February 1799

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The enclosed is Bill No. 40 dated 2d March for Star Pagodas 5000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
4th March 1799

Robert Wolf Esquire
Accountant General

Sir

The enclosed is Copy bill No. 40 dated 2d March for Star Pagodas 5000 by the Madura Paymaster

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on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue

I have &c

Dindigul
4th March 1799

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

John Benward Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending the Demand Collection & Balance of the Districts under my management for February 1799.

I am &c

Dindigul
8th March 1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To Vellacondama Naig

I have written a letter to the Huzzoor of Chinnaka Tauem respecting you, and having received an answer thereto if you come and pay your respects to me, I will inform you of all the good tidings therein written.

From Vellacondama Naig to Mr. Hurdis
No date, received 12 March 1799

The Cnayehnamah you have now been pleased to send me I have received and read the circumstances therein written, which are wise and prudent Counsel & well understood by me.

It is therein stated that the Cirkar having written to the Committee, and answer has been received thereto containing a joyful tidings, which the Circar being desirous of communicating to me in pension I am desired to attend in the presence for that purpose. All this is right counsel to me.

That the Sirkar should be thus graciously pleased to act is a most joyous circumstance and I am wonderful glad at hearing of my happiness and prosperity I being like a child that has never seen its mother's face am desirous of waiting in the presence, & there is no doubt but I would come immediately.

This day twelve days of the ceremony for my sisters on account of her becoming a woman are finished of the thirty days to complete the cleansing

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from Polution Eighteen more are yet to come.

It being a tradition among the Cumbalum Castes that during this ceremony of thirty days for cleansing from Pollution we must neither go to a Pagoda – a Tank or to the threshold of the Circar.

So soon as the cleansing is over, I will ascertain a prosperous day and come to the presence, whose wise orders I shall hear and act according to.

As there is a cause for preventing my not coming now you must be pleased not to be angry with me on that account but continue your favor unto me as your child, who will attend you of his own accord.

You must be graciously pleased having once protected me to continue to do to the end of my existence.

On account of my being a foolish child you called me heretofore to the presence, and gave me presents, such as are given to inferiors, and as a father gives advice to his son, so did you to me & desirous to fear for nothing, so in the voice of Rama did you assure me of protection and so considering you as the God & protector allotted to me had I confidence in your word & continued in waiting the pleasure and benevolence of the Circar.

I now trust your generosity & Godly favor over allaying all my afflictions ordering me something for my expences and allowing me to return to my residence for want of money for my expences I am reduced to the greatest distress, your assistance is therefore necessary to my relief – you will in consequences send such orders for the guidance of future conduct as to your greatness may appear meets.

8th March 1799 (Signed) Vellasondamanaique

J B Travers Esquire.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The inclosed is Bill No. 41 dated 5th March

for

for Star Pagodas 2000 by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue

Dindigul }
10th March 1799 }

I have &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

The same to Accountant General Mr. Wolf with Copy of Bill—

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I return the account Current and Abstract altered according to order

The Pulney Peons were an incidental expence and had no reference to the Revenue Battalion they were raised under a different order, and were an Extra Charge. Your caution cannot with propriety apply— I have however made the alteration and now that I am sensible of what you wish shall comply with it.

I send the Statement of paper required by Mr. Deputy ——— Ware under date 21st Ultimo—

Dindigul }
13th March 1799 }

I have &c.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Statement Shewing the quantity of Country paper & Amount expended in the Huzzoor & Division Cutcharies of Dindigul District for Fusly 1207—

	Qrs. of Quires Country	Amount Expended						Remarks
	24 Papers	Chm.	f.	C.	Sk.	f	C	
Huzzoor Cutcharee	2261	121	4	2.	69	17	5	This includes the papers sent to the Division Cutcherries for the use of the Janaually Accounts Inclusive of the quantity of papers expended for the Mundy & Prisoners Accounts.
1st Division—	497	27	6	4	15	35	29	
2d Division—	290	17	5	2.	10	"	26	
3d — Do—	30	1	9	"	1	3	68	From 1st May to 12th July when the Division was separated from the 2d Tookry—
4th Do.—	398	23	2	"	13	11	47	
5th Do.—	245	14	5	"	8	12	69	
6th Do.—	415	22	"	10½	12	27	34	
Total	4136	228	2	2½	130	18	33	

Dindigul }
10th March }
1799 }

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My Dear Sir

War is declared but if you have not mentioned it to any body knowing it before this I have to beg the favor of you not to do it until our Detachment is on foot and or-

I have to beg the favor of you to grant a very sufficient Guard to the Treasure from Pulney that we may at least ensure victuals and drink for the next Month.

Be so good as to let me know the quantity of Bread you would wish should come to you that I may give directions in case you should have left none-

The Tappal not yet in, should there be any news you shall have it from.

(Signed) T. B Hurdis
Coller

11th March 1799 To Major Lindsay

P. S. A note from Robertson just received tells me he apprehends your intention is to assemble your Detachment at the Pandals this my good Sir, I hope is not the case as it would serve no good cause whatever unless moved six or eight Miles to the northward.

I recommended from Haurnoor by Kotumpoondy to Cullemunda of Veerapatchee & this because from a thorough knowledge of the whole Country I know a movement in that direction will of most use the Pandals are too much in the rear being more South than even Pulney forage is plenty every where-

The Village of Worinjetty is about 5 Miles N of the Pandals inclining to the west, when we were against Tomba Gour we halted some time there and drew supplies from Iyacoody.

I send you the X are paper.

(signed) T. B Hurdis
Collr

My dear Sir

I have just got your favor of the 11th mine of yesterdays date will give you my opinion of the places for forming the Detachment at the

Pandals

Pandals or any place within the Verapatchee Pollam so distant from our borders you will find great difficulty in getting supplies nor will any order of mine induce the Poligar to make himself more accomodating whilst the means of enforcing the orders are wanting.

I will order the Pulney Tahsildar to send you the Peons to the Pandals, who will well do to keep up Communication with Pulney, Yerracottah & Dindigul. The Tahsildars are ordered to give you every intelligence they may have but I would recommend you not to trust the Peons in that capacity but rather to employ your own People to check what you may hear from others.

I am very anxious for the safe arrival of the Kist money from Pulney and the more so since you have altered your intention of calling the Troops from Pulney to form at the Pandals. I have however to request that a strong Guard may be sent to remain at Pulney until it be ready to be sent on which must be in the course of three days they will not be detained one mo=ment here but shall join you wherever you may be.

Ambiguity in names of places will easily be removed by enquiring to what Pollam or Talook the village belongs.

I have directed the Pulney Tahsildar to endeavour to prevail on some Bickandars to be with your Detachment to ensure if possible regular supplies for those people. I have to beg your attention & protection.

Loockia Naigue by this day's report is near Arwarcourchee. Pullapetty is about two Gurries only from it and I don't understand that he has left that place.

Dindigul
19 March 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis

Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

22 Coll.

My Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 12th I am sorry the jingle has grown so much lately between Bouvirpetty and the Pandals — If I did not know the Country very well myself I might believe the report — but I assure you whoever reported to you so either knew nothing of the matter or paid no attention to truth.

I wish the Travancorians could join — it would be a noble addition —

I can give you no assistance in hircarrahs not having one attached to me, and from a knowledge of the Country people I know not one whom I can trust.

The Tehsildar does not speak all the truth respecting the person he calls Amildar of Jerricottah who so far from discouraging repairs urges them much, and it is by express order from me that none are made — and this because the Board will not allow me Cash to be expended without their Sanction —

None of my people can expend one Cash without my orders so that the Gosh Molly must ascend to me and thence upwards

We have nothing but insolence to look to from the Poligars at present but I hope a very short time will get them drubbed into order —

I have not got the declaration, should it come I will send it —

The Pulney Tahsildar will have told you the Darapoor's trick should you be able I hope these fellows will get a licking from you.

The Tappal not yet in.

Dindigul }
13th March 1799 }

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Major Linsay

My dear Sir

I have your favor of the 11th the direction you moved in was chiefly through the Lyacordy Pollam — You will find the places in the Sketch I gave you

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the principal — Conracumputty belongs to Syagoody — You will get no rice in the dry grain Villages but you will find. I have desired Oorkauns may be sent if possible to be got — Pooloor could afford no rice.

You must excuse me if I do no credit the Subadar I know all the roads myself and it is not six Months since I was in some of them — the case is this — he I apprehend has been deceived — as I have frequently myself by the Poligar's people — who make the way difficult and long purposely to prevent a knowledge of the variety being — detained — I have twice been led a journey of eleven Miles which they do in six — the first time I was ignorant the last I went it purposely to punish the Scoundrels who mislead me.

The road from Yerrecottah to Pulney is a good road Major Haliburton once travelled it in a bandy — there was no road cut by the Battalion at Bereorputty nor any in the District but the high road through Veerapatchee and Pulney to Paulghautchy Annamally —

I would recommend you not giving credit to the Sepoys who have told you they assisted at the Cutting — I went from the Pandals to Boriarputty with the Detachment, was with it whilst there, about seven days that I went into Pulney — and there was no cutting of Jungle, — Captain Simons also can tell you as much

The Banditti who plundered, — wounded, and carried away one of the Goomastahs and Your of Nellampollam certainly acted under the Dewan's Order — I the Tahsildar to demand them of him should he not give them up we must try other means of getting them.

Yours &ca
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

14 March 1799 —

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My dear Sir

Your favor of 15th I got at midnight. I did not examine the sketch with the original but as I told you before there are none but principal Villages put down many of the hamlets you will find larger than the Villages on which they depend if you will return the Sketch I will examine it with the original and if wrong correct & return it.

Unless alarms call you towards Yerrecottah I would wish you to remain on the Pulney frontier as the Tahsildar writes from Yerre=cottah that there is no alarm at present on that side.

When Colonel Browns Detachment marches I think all will be easy - I shall most probably join him or you at present I am tied down.

A letter from the Commissioners on the Malabar Coast with particulars of the battle of the 6th to Lord Mornington was sent open for Colonel Browns inspection and mine - the whole loss is under 60 in killed & wounded on our side and the Coorge Resident reports Tip to be severely beaten.

I hope you have the Batiques with you Verupatchee you must depend on for nothing I have got one of his emissaries to Caza Cawn the march of the Battalion to the Pandals prevented his intentions - but he is determinedly resolved in favor of the Sultauns views be guarded there=fore against him for he is very wretch indeed.

Not a line of news -

Yours &ca
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

17th March 1799.

P. S.

The joined at Coorlatturn 12th

I send you copy of the Coorge Residents letter, which Simons and yourself having perused be so good to return me -

To

Copy

To The Cunnivady Poligar

I have often written to you on account of your disobedience and have before shewn you the certain consequences of it.

The wicked people about you are leading you to your ruin - on account of your youth I have wished to save you, but your bad conduct makes it impossible - and if you still go on - your ruin & that of your family must be the consequence.

Your conduct to the Sera Naigue of Ramgherry - your letters to him - all which are communicated to Ghaza Cawn - your friendship with Luckia Naigue - and with the Colleries are all perfectly known to me.

Are you so blind as not to see the folly of your conduct, recollect the conduct of the Mysorean to your ancestors, and remember that the Company gave them the Cunnivady Pollam, and have protected you in it.

I know the conversations that have passed between Ghaza Cawn & the agents of the different Poligars and I know what he has written for Aripetty Culliana town & other Colleries.

Be assured neither you nor any other Poligar can be so secret as that your acts and intentions can remain concealed from me.

You have given protections to Moottoo-Sherogar - You wrote to Ramgherry that the Sircar had ordered him to the Huzzoor - for his and his relations conduct directly and indirectly, I will hold you your family and your Pollam responsible.

For the conduct of Gopia Naigue your father in law his family & relations directly and indirectly I will hold &c.

For the conduct of Pola Moottoo Naigue your father in law his &ca

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For the Conduct of Yomy Tiapoory Naigue & his adherents directly and indirectly I will hold &ca.

For the Conduct of Gollapa Naigue Do.

For the Conduct of the Colleries and the safety of the Villages in which you have a Cawelly — directly & indirectly I will hold you your family & your

Recollect yourself and remember, that to preserve the protection of the Sirkar your obedience to its orders is alone necessary — and that your disobedience directly or indirectly will certainly be your own and your family's ruin.

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

18th March
1799

My dear Sir

I had just received your penciled Chit — for the Contents of which and promptness accept my best thanks — when I got a letter from Yercottah intimating that the assembly broke up from quarrel among themselves — Jallal Cawn who was yesterday sent express to you met the Verupatchee Peons on their return the Predaun and four horse were with them —

I have now to hope this will prevent your going on to Yerricottah as the danger there threatening over there is certainly great room for apprehension at Pulney to which place or near it my wishes now are for your return this though as you can do it, but necessary if possible without too much harass —

I have laid in Mootloo Shero gar — and I have hopes — its semel est plum — but I say no more —

Cawden Cundasaumy & Comarawalle Gour, will certainly exhibit Pulney but when we cannot say —

As you will have missed your Bread I send you some biscuits there is not a loaf

to

to be got—

19th March 1799

I have &c.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collector

My Dear Sir

I wrote you by express yesterday which I earnestly hope may have reached you to deter your moving so far to the west as Lyam=follam. I apprehended the fears of the Goo=mastah there may have led him to represent stronger than truth and if so I fear the deviation will be the cause of much loss to us. The detachment being Centrical to Yereacottah & Pulney could at least check attempts on either—and had the route been more to the north it would have saved much trouble.

The Cuvon's people have been joined by Verupatchee peons to the number of four hun=dred—and a letter last night from Yerriecottah informed, the assembly was increasing.

The attack had better be on Pul=ney if the two Talooks of Yereacotta and Pulney cannot be defended—as the Peons are more numerous there than Yereacottah—and if Yereacottah be successfully attacked it will be very unpleasant.

It would avail nothing to attack any front of Tip's District, but to give the means of spiteful revenge to the execrable ban=ditti—we shall I hope get them by their own desire in a few days.

The Indian System of plunder is diabolical and though Mr. Tip does it on us, I hope none of our people will be so inhu=man as to retaliate.

I am under great anxiety for

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Yerreacotta

Yeracottah and hope your movement will be North East by N to save both it and Mambara if possible.

For your own sake place no trust in any of the Verupatchee people.

I have &c.
19th March 1799 } (Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Collr.

My Dear Sir

Disagreeable as this Bopeep sort of business is we must I fear play at a few days longer — the Tahsildar of Pulney has written so strongly to me that if my letter of last night should not have reached you with information of the breaking up of the party at Pullaputty, this I hope — will induce you to return to Pulney as soon as possible and afford such assistance for quiet as you may think necessary — the Colleries have carried off above 200 head of Cattle, from Ballalagoonta & near it.

Yours &c.
20 March 1799 (Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Major Lindsay Collector
Esqr.

My Dear Sir

At Pullaputty are about 1200 men and 40 horse, who are watching to be upon Mambarra & Yeracootta, of these, three hundred are from Verupatchee three hundred belong to Lutchia Naigue & three hundred to Vella Gour, the others are people picked up from the different Villages.

They have been prepared to attack these three days but some thing to prevent them has happened until now, the people are under great alarm, which I hope a movement of yours will quiet.

Yours &c.
21st March 1799 (Signed) T.B. Hurdis
To Major Lindsay Collector
Esqr.

My Dear Sir

I have now received confirmation of the news I sent you yesterday of the force, if so it may be called at Pullaputty, viz 1200 miscreants and 40 horse of which 300 are from Verupatchey, 300 with Lutchia Naigue

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300 with Vella Gour and the others picked from diffe-
rent different Villages.

This has come by three different hircarrahs inclusive of the Tahsildar's information.

I hope therefore this may meet you on moving towards Yeracottah to give that protection the Country just now so much needs.

Yours &ca.
22d. March 1799 (signed) J B Hurdis
To Major Lindsay Collr.

Stephen Lushington Esquire

Sir

You have doubtless been informed from time to time of the preparations of Ramgherry Polmonghee &ca. of the Manapara Poligar & of their intimacy with the Dewans and others of the Sultauns territories.

The hope of the speedy movement of the Southern Detachment caused me to suppose these miscreants would not dare to act in immediate opposition to the Sirkar unless a very strong force in assistance came from the Sultaun. Information however I have now received which places their intent beyond a doubt and nothing I fear in the shape of an order will be able to check them.

Polmonghee is entirely under the influence of Verupatchee, and is now to assist him in his attack on Goodam &ca. Villages in Yeriacotta and on Mambarra - and the north East Pollams of Dindigul these Poligars have joined their force to that of Ghazee Cawn the Soolthaun's Head booty below the Ghauts, under whose and Pongunpadely Villa Gours name, the business of plunder is to be carried on. Their united force is about 1600 Men & from 40 to 70 horse, all this is ascertained whether any of the Madura or Tinnevelly Poligars are affected by the influence of Verupatchee or not I know not but from the connection of the Poligars each with the other there is great cause for fearing the evil may spread.

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I enclose you declaration which developes

Verupatchu

Verupatchee Plan and the Colleries have done their part of it this I send only as corroboration of their testimoney relating to the same circumstances.

Ramgherry's assistance, his Interest being different from Verupatchee & Pollamoneghee is in favor of Moottoo Sherogars views on Pulney and is & has been thither directed. All, when taxed with the treachery, will deny it the truth will however be easily sifted and found out. I have to beg the favor of such orders to the Manapara Poligars as you may deem proper on the subject.

Dindigul
22d March
1799

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending the accounts for February for the District under my Charge.

Dindigul
23d March
1799

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

My Dear Sir

I have just got your favor of the 22d. Any disposition of the troops that may better the preservation of the Country as Commandant of the District you are doubtless at liberty to make if you think not, no time ought to be lost in making a reference and suggesting what you think best.

At any rate I hope you are moving towards Yereacottah, for the alarm is there very great. I am persuaded all we have to fear is within and that the treacherous genius of Verupatchee is intend to give us as much trouble as possible.

So soon as I know you are moving to Yerracotta I shall move to Vadasundoor with a Subadar's party and the trained Peons, I will thence come on to Yeracotta where we can confer on

what

what should be done if you see no objection I would wish a guard under a steady Officer, might be left at Pylney.

The Detachment moving certainly keeps a Check on the Poligars a day or two more harassing will probably end the business and if we preserve the Districts until Col. B. moves on there will be nothing to fear.

The Equi- will not come until B joins, so that there will be plenty of time for you to write the Colonel what you please on the subject.

The watching the movements of the Detachment is in favor of prevention of plunder & it's not necessary we should come to blows of the enemy in avoiding us plunder not were the Looties to enter in a desultory manner - small Detachments might beat them up - but if entering in a Body the Detachment should go out - if they avoided the Detachment and plunder not which it's not likely they would do when pursued the end of the Detachment being in the field is answered.

I am afraid you have not got my letter of 21st at 5 P.M. I have these last two days written in duplicate.

I am &ca.
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
23 March
1799

Major Linsay

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir

In reply to your Demand for Cash I have to say by desire of Colonel Brown all I can spare is reserved for the use of the Detachment.

I have &ca.
(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
24th March
1799

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My Dear Sir

Your letter yesterday has relieved me from much anxiety — I wait till I hear where you are to make a dash to you —

I send you bread &ca which in your march I fear you have wanted —

Very truly Yours &ca

25th March }
1799 }

(signed) T. B. Hurdis
To Major Linsay

My Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 24th & 25th both in one. Vaudeepetty I believe belongs to Verupatchee it was not likely any of the Ryots would know what was going on at Yerracottah their knowledge would impeach their master.

I certainly object to the division of the Detachment into separate guards until the Southern Detachment moves when I think the advancing posts into Tippoo's Country may be of much use —

I could wish for full Communication with you on the subject as my opinion might differ on some points with yours — and I think it best to discuss matters previous to arrangement than to have them to undo — after being in part settled.

The placing any number of Sepoys in Yerriacotta without an European Officer would have in my opinion no more effect than so many peons being there — in case of attack they would keep up (as the Subidar at Nellacottah did what he called) a terrible fire and by wasting their powder — be obliged probably to give the place up for want of the means of defending it —

I am not satisfied with what the peons did as they have thrown away a great

quantity

quantity of ammunition without doing any propor-
-tionate execution.

There is no likelyhood of any quiet for your people until Colonel Brown's detach-
-ment moves that going forward will make up easier here.

Not a word of news.

Very truly Yours &ca.

26th March 1799

(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To Major Lindsay
&ca.

P. S. As I understand the party is not dispersed I think it would be proper to give the miscreants an alert and make them scamper—

(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir

In Consequence of a letter Mr. Hurdis has this day received from Colonel Brown he desires me to inform you, the amount of your indent for this Month can be supplied.

I have &ca.

Dindigul
26 March 1799

(signed)

William Petrie Esquire
President &ca. Member of the Board of Revenue

Gentleman

I have the honor of transmitting for the information of your Board copy of Letter and enclosure to Lieutenant Colonel Brown and to request orders as to manner by which I am to Conduct myself with respect to Verupatchee— to treat him as an enemy at once would under

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present

present Circumstances endanger much - best to keep up the force of anxiety would by exposing our own weakness render him not only more insolent but more powerful - I shall endeavour to keep up ap=pearances until I am favored with orders from your Board -

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Matepollum
27th March 1799

Lieutenant Colonel Brown
&ca &ca

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending the enclosed to you from Major Ramney.

The hircarrahs hence to Palghaut have been discovered and to save themselves destroyed some of the letters, Major Ramney has not received any sums from hence he says since the beginning of the Month.

Of the attacking party at Yeracottah belonging to Verupatchee alone three Sherogars & nine Peons were severely wounded - Of this number four relations of the Poligar are since dead - the Poligar himself says "I have now thrown of the mask - and "I will not cease until I have taken Yeracotta" he is again assembling his people - and the assembly at Pullaputty is becoming more numerous thus the Tahsildar writes me - and I have every reason to think Verupatchee will be as good as his word - so far as it may tend to trouble the ryots -

The force we have is not sufficient to protect the Districts the Sirkar Peons not being allowed to plunder according to former Custom - are discontented, the Poligars peons - from getting all they can are instigated to his service by interest nevertheless much more

is

is to be dreaded from his influence over the other Poligars of Dindigul & Manapara than from his own immediate power.

I trust you will be able to send a force in assistance if not I very much fear either Pylney or the Northern Districts Yereacotta &ca must for a time be lost to the Sirkar.

Major Lindsay thinks a division of the present force would be proper. I cannot agree with him. I think it would not be sufficient in either place to impress the ryots with confidence and tho, in either place it might be equal to the repulsion of the miscreants (of which from their numbers there might be a doubt) it certainly could not protect the Country.

Since writing the above I have intelligence in confirmation of what is before related of the Verupatchee Poligars intentions and I enclose translate of a letter just received describing particulars of the killed & wounded belonging to Verupatchee. It does not appear that either Cunnivady or Amanaigue had any people in this business but that it has been a trial to favor Luckia Naigues credit with the Sultaun's people in order to show his interest with the Dindigul & Manapara Poligars.

Luckia Naigue had promised at Seringapatam that his influence would raise a considerable force but on the arrival of the Sirdar at Caroor it appeared that this mighty force was composed of the most miserable wretches of both Sircars which tho numerous would be inefficient in every thing save plunder.

The object of the Sultaun's Commandant was to replace the dispossessed Poligars by

means

means of Luckia Naigues influence which report says was credited but as this influence on the Poligars according to Luckia Naigues story was to depend on the force of the Sultauns below the ghauts disappointment either real or affected in both parties produced in both equal dissatisfaction — when Luckia Naigue to convince the Sultaun's people that what he had advanced was not without foundation prevailed on Verupatchee and some of the more daring of the dispossessed Poligars to act with him against Yereacotta — the consequences of which until now we are apprized of —

It will be very difficult to trace the sneezes of Poligar intrigue but I have not a doubt but that the connection between Luckia Naigues and Verupatchee has existed in full confidence and knowledge of each others designs since October 1797 — the many reports that then appeared improbable, now seem to combine and form links in the treacherous chain of deceit he has been gradually pulling towards him

This defeat in his first essay — may perhaps keep him down — & if assistance in reinforcement can be spared may prevent further bad intentions but I trust Government will keep his conduct so strongly in mind as, when the present business is over, to make him a severe Example for the edification of these treacherous Fendatories —

I have &ca

Malepollium 27th March 1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis Collr.

(No. 1 Enclosure)

Translation of an Olay from Neytamgar Cungaya Cownden the of Cootumpoondy and Mootoosawmy Cownden

The Maul people the Venkey Nabob's people

people Verapatchees people & Chinnasawmy Naig=
all came in sewarry against Yeracottah- Of the
Venkay Nabob's horse one was wounded, of his other
people four were killed- Of the Naut people
two were killed- Of Verapatchees people two were
killed and four were wounded, who were tied up
and carried away. It is said that Cullymuntha
Iyen Sherogar died/ of the many wounds he had
received/ in the road to Verupatchees Village- One
man of Dodwarempetty of Verupatchee was killed
Of the Chinnamaw alempetty people one being
wounded, they were so much troubled to carry
him away that they could not take away the dead
three or four of the dead were taken into some=
houses on one side of the place and burnt there;
they all retreated in great distress, and return
to Pullapetty were they collected- Verapatchee leaving
away his wounded, came to his own Village Comara
=wel goundan of Nullumpollum is in Chinna=
=walempetty of Veerapatchee-

25 March 1799 } for No. 2 Enclosure Vide intelligence book

My dear Sir

I have received your letter of this date
Colonel Brown's letter was sent the moment
it was received to the Tappal-

Your opinion in Military Matters
is much beyond any thing, I can give no opinion
further than I have seen thence I argue=
whether you submit or not- I still hold that it
would be highly improper to leave any part of your
Detachment in Yeracottah with Native Officers
only. I shall not be sorry if many of the inhabitants
leave Yeracotta, I mean of those who favored the
views of the Banditti.

The letter for Colonel Brown was
received yesterday and went by the Tappal to day

I

enclose you a quill which I'll thank you to return by the Peon-

I have just got information by way of Ramgherry that Tippoo's Sirdar - the Nabob as he is called is gone to Columbum on the Pulney frontier and that thence in conjunction with Nagurnaigue a Poligar influenced by Verupatchee & the Mangalum Poligar son in law of Verupatchee together with the Rabble already at Calinga-waddy intend to attack Pylney and the western Villages whilst Verupatchee is to do the same on the Villages near his own frontier - all this is probable and should the Tahsildar give you intimation of it, I have to beg your best services for relief.

Luckia Naigue and the Nabob have quarrelled in consequence of the failure of this attack on Yereacotta - The Naigue is gone to Hangyam.

To Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.
27th March/99

Very truly Yours
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

P.S. Vaudupatty is an hamlet of Heer-naar of Verupatchee - about 10 miles from Yereacotta - there is a Village named Yarandeepatty belonging to Yereacotta about 7½ miles from it-

(signed) T B H.

My Dear Sir

I have just learned from Mr. Scott that there came a letter by yesterday's Tappal from Colonel Brown for you - Captain Trotter having charge, will I apprehend either send it here to be forwarded or forward it himself

The Detachment being in the field prevented Luckia Naigue's second attack on Yereacotta - thence it's end was answered & thence it was not uselessly employed - I shall

Certainly

certainly object to a Division of it until the Southern Detachment under Colonel Brown moves from a firm Conviction that either party would be too small a number to afford Confidence to the Ryots or Protection to the Country the chief object of Luckia Naique and the Sultauns party is to reinstate the dispossessed Poligar the Ryots of the assumed Pollams under fear for their property side with them and thence presume it destroying Villages or plundering would at present be the worst Conduct the adherents of L N could pursue in as much as it would Cause those Ryots who are now apparently, perhaps in reality siding with him to quit or act against his party —

I shall very soon be with you

Yours very truly &ca.

To Major Lindsay &ca. &ca. (Signed) J. B. Hurdis

28th March 1799

Stephen Lushington Esquire
Ramnad

Sir

Your favor of the 26th Instant I received at midnight and am much obliged by your communication & Compliance with my wishes. There can be no intent whatever in any of the Poligars to espouse the Sultauns cause but it is their firm wish and intention to use his people as far as they can, as a blind to their attempts in favor of such of the dispossessed Poligars as have claims on them either from relationship or Cast Connection —

And this arises from the machinations of Luckia Naique who is playing his

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game with great address—but at present he can do no more than disturb.

The Yereacotta Poligar is nephew to Cadawoor married a Daughter of Verupatchee—hence connection has induced assistance from both to Yereacottah—Verupatchee in the further hope that he might recover Goodum and Cadawoor that this nephew might be reinstated.

Pulliappa Naigues connection with Ramgherry is from intermarriage—this Poligar has lived several years in the Ramgherry Pollam and the late Poligar of Ramgherry (previous to its assumption) tis said used to manage the Pollam of Pulliappa Naiguenoor for him—

That Cadawoors Peons acted with Luckianaigue and the Sultauns party—appears from my Hircarrahs knowing a Sherogar of them named Armoogum and from a letter in confirmation from your Akbar at Manapara covering a Cadjan from Ramgherry to the same effect. the assertion of the Hircarrah is confirmed by the subsequent detail of the Poligar.

No. 1 is copy of the Cadjan—you will know how to discriminate the matter in it.

That Verupatchee's Peons had joined before the attack was ascertained by my Hircarrahs knowing them—the consequences of the attack on Yerebcotta have placed it beyond a doubt as four of the Poligars relations were killed: One very near—the Commandant of his peons called the Calingaputty Sherogar—the greater number of the killed and wounded (between 20 & 30, as report almost proved, says was among the Verupatchee people—Luckia Naigue kept out of the way of danger and unfortunately for me escaped.

That Pulliappa Naigue assisted by Ramgherry was at the attack stands on the

assertion

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assertions of one my Hircarrahs who was at the outer waddy of Ramgherry when two people from Pulliappa haigue at Yeracottah arrived to announce the event and the extent of the attacking party to retreat to Coanamancot - and thence to recommence the attack the next night which however the arrival of Major Lindsay prevented.

I transmit Extract of letter to Col. Brown on the subject which will give you my opinion - I anxiously look for the movement of the Southern Detachment towards Caroor - as the probable means of quiet could it have moved sooner I should have considered it as certain but as the banditti have begun it gives me an unpleasant prospect both in the Sultauns Districts & those now under me -

I am obliged by the orders you have given to your Ahbar Koovers his reports if carefully gathered will always enable me to correct my own Hircarrahs & thence probably defeat the schemes of these intriguing fendatories.

I have &ca.
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Matpollium
28th March 1799

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster &ca.

Sir

Your favor of the 29th I have just received I can only supply you with four thousand Pagodas more than your former Indent making in the 9700 nine thousand seven hundred.

I have &ca.
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Camp
Jevandapully
30th March 1799

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

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Sir

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending Estimate of Probable Receipts and Disbursements for the Current Month and Register of Bills for March.

Dindigul
1st April 1799

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Cowls to the Poligars of the Sultaun's Country

Of Government

Sent to Govindrow for
April 1st: Sauthanaut Vellie Gour; Ammanaut Perie Tonthee; Mauchnaut Tauana Gour; Andipetty Bomnaigue
April 3rd: Sohumpetty Malauallie [illegible]; Hondakapulla[illegible] Gowndah; Chinna Darapa Godramany[illegible]; Calleegoorchee Narsimma Naik

Whereas it has lately come to the knowledge of the Collector of Dindigul &ca. Districts belonging to the Honorable Company that the Poligars & Gours belonging the Sultaun's Country of Arrevarcoorchee have assembled a great number of Peons and other people for the purpose of plunder in the Sirkar Talooks & assumed Pollams belonging to the Honorable Company.

This is to give notice to the aforesaid Poligars Gours &ca. that so long as they the aforesaid Poligars Gours &ca. refrain from disturbing the peace and tranquillity of the ryots in the Company's Districts whether in the Sirkar lands or assumed Pollams — that their peace & tranquillity shall not be disturbed in any manner — but that they shall be confirmed in all & every one of their just rights and privileges — and as their forbearance from such wicked & inhuman acts and preventing others so acting will entitle them to the protection and favor of the Company's Sirkar — this is further to give notice that to all Poligars Gours

&ca.

&c.ᵃ staying quiet themselves and keeping others quiet – this Cowle is and shall be a Cowle of protection to them with the English Army now on its march to possess the Country.

The Collector of Dindigul &c.ᵃ District, hereby gives this notice that no person whatever may plead ignorance thereof for if any person or persons shall after this date & notice be found plundering or shall be discovered to have plundered – he or they shall be declared out of the Company's protection and be treated as a common enemy of both Sirkars.

(Signed) T.B. Hurdis
Coll.ʳ

Dindigul
28ᵗʰ March 1799
Sent 1ˢᵗ April do

Lieutenant Colonel Brown
&c.ᵃ &c.ᵃ

Sir

In Consequence of the orders of Government dated 2ᵈ February communicated through the Board of Revenue under date 1ˢᵗ March directing me to cultivate a good understanding with the Poligars of Mysore and to issue a Declaration in due season tending to impress them with the advantage they might derive from forbearance of plunder, at the same time threatening severe punishment in the event of predatory irruption I thought it right to direct the proclamation of the enclosed to be made in the Arivarcourchee district so soon as your detachment enters Sultauns Borders.

Of the lesser Gours in the Arivarcourchee Tallook I have no doubts as I have some time since letters from some of the principals, expressing their wishes for the arrival of our Troops to take

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possession.

The Gours to whom the Cowles are addressed are in the management of Hobblies or divisions of the district bearing the name expressed and assume the stile of Poligar. Tulianaut Valai Gour is a very indifferent Character himself and his peons, better known under the man of Pongumpaddy Vullai Gour, were at the attack on Jeracotta in which four of his people were killed and seven wounded.

Similar Cowles are prepared & sent to Pulney for the purpose of being forwarded to the Shakragherry Anamolly Durapoorum & Kanggum Poligar & Gours.

Dindigul
2d April 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

Lieutenant James
Fort Adjutant Trichinopoly
Sir

I have the honor of enclosing bill for Star Pagodas thirty for the subsistence of the late Poligar of Pulney for the Current Month, I beg the favor of you to transmit me his receipt for the same.

I have most particularly to request that the Poligar may be well guarded. his uncle is now among the banditti on the frontier of Pulney and will continue to afford him intelligence & probably receive instructions from him if possible.

Dindigul
3d April 1799

I am &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing register of Bills for March and Estimate of Probable receipts

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disbursements for the Current month no troops have been employed on revenue Service.

The Demand Collection & Balance I am not able to send in consequence of the Jimmakhurch Accounts from Pulney not having as yet come to hand - this delay is owing to no neglect whatever but to the disturbances on the western and northern frontier and to communication not having been quite free - it shall be sent so soon as possible.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Matepollam
5th April 1799

William Petrie Esquire

President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

The mob of miscreants who attacked Yeracottah being foiled in their attempt thereon divided part of them continuing at Cottamurdoor and Pullaputty at a short distance from Mambara and the other part going off to Darapoor & Columbum. On the 29th I went to Yeracotta and made such disposition of the Sibbundies as appeared to me best calculated to preserve both that and the Mambara Pollam the fort wall was a ruin in many places having been very long out of repair. I was necessitated to authorize the disbursement of about seventy Chuckrum to make the immediate repairs which sum I trust your Board will permit my entering in the Accounts.

On my proceeding to Mohumputty on the frontier towards Arivarcourchee I received intimation of the dispersion of the Cottamurdoorputty and of their being gone to Darapoor - I then went to Jewandaputty on the Veerupatchee bounds - when I received intelligence from Pulney that the banditti from Darapoor had been but too successful

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in their acts of barbarity having stabbed wounded and packed in different Villages men women and Children to the number of thirty and plundered every thing they could find.

Every night until the 2d Instant the same desperate wretches with increased numbers were guilty of the same wanton cruelty on the defenceless inhabitants - On the 2d the Peons fell in with a very large party of the banditti attacked beat them & drove them into the fort of Columbum with the loss of report says between fifty and sixty killed and wounded and two small horses taken. Of the Sirkar peons none were such - Luckianaigue himself was reported by the Sultaun's Hurkar peons to have been wounded by a shot in the thigh - and carried off with great difficulty - the peons kept their ground and the banditti went off from Columbum to Suckragherry when the Peons returned to Syempollum in Rattiambuddy.

As I had information that the Sultaun's people were forcing the ryots of his country every where to destroy the grain of the last year's harvest and knowing the Columbum Cunnavelly to be very fertile and that it had produced a good crop I have directed the Tahsildar to take possession of the fort of Columbum if possible seize all the grain and send information of the quantity to me - independant of the probable preservation of a large quantity of grain the possession of this mud fort if obtained secures in great measure the frontier from Rattiambuddy to Talcot.

In obedience to the orders of Government under date February 2d communicated by Mr Secy Travers in letter dated March 1st on the 31st I transmitted Cowlenamas to the Tahsildar of

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Mombarra with orders to distribute them as directed to the principal Gours & Poligars of Ariwarcourche in acknowledging the receipt of them he informed me that he had received a letter from Serva Tim row a man sent by Captain Macleod of the Southern Division of the ceded Districts — his (the Tahsildar's) Nephew that Captn. Macleod had appointed him peishcar of Caroor Kongyem Coimbatore Sattimungalum and Sunkragherry to the management of which he Captain Macleod was appointed.

Ariwarcourche & Darapoor talooks are not included in Serva Tim row's list — or I should have been more alarmed from the execution of what from the tenor of the before quoted order I conceived my duty than now — because I have already sent Cowlenamas to the Poligars & Gours to the westward to Kongyem Darapoor and in Ariwarcourche and should it happen that Serva Tim rows Cowlenamas go to the same people as they assuredly must — tis very probable much confusion may ensue — I know of no authority for Serva Tim row to act on — and thence with every intention for the good of the service and in the persuasion that I was executing my duty — I may unfortunately prove of great disservice to the cause I supposed and hoped I was helping.

I have said thus much to explain to your Board what otherwise might appear the effect of officious conduct on my part — I shall now until I receive your orders confine my Cowles to Darapoor & Ariwarcourche as they are not in Serva Tim row's list and afford him every

 assistance

assistance in averting the probable confusion that may arise from what has been done - & in giving him information of the characters of the People to the westward that his bundabust may prevent the daily irruptions on the frontier of this Province -

By an express just received from Pulney and by an Hircarrah from the frontier I am sorry to inform your Board that the rabble are again collecting in great numbers near Columbum and that peons from the Villages of Monjenorypetty Chintowalumpetty Collimunda Cotium & Bowarilapetty of the Verrupatchee Pollam in numbers about three hundred have joined the Poligars man Iumahi Mordelly - who is with the Dewan of Pollowchee near Columbum - Major Lindsay is I hope within a march of that frontier - and will be able to act in support of the peons who will I trust be able to beat of the miscreants until he may arrive - and who with the peons will I anxiously hope be able to keep the banditti under Check until the assistance ordered by Colonel Brown may arrive from the Southward -

The excesses of the Colleries are daily increasing - little has yet been done within the Valley or the Dindigul frontier by them but the Jemidar in Whotapahnaignoor writes that murders daily happen and that they act in every place with the most unrestrained licentiousness

I have &ca.

6th April 1799 } (Signed) F B Hurdis Coll.

Mootlepallem

Major Lindsay &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of forwarding the above for your information -

As I am well informed that Tippoo's people are destroying the Grain collected in different parts of the Country and as I know the Curnawally of Columbum yielded much as possible for the Sirkar ordered the Tahsildar to take possession of Columbum

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and take the whole of the grain he may find keeping possession of it until ^be receives further orders.

In case he should in the above service require assistance from you I beg the favor of you to afford ^it at the same time I take the liberty to observe that your moving on the east bound of Pulney and towards the north so as to keep within aforesaid March of Jewandeputty ^will very much assist in keeping both Pulney & Yeracottaguiet.

6th April 1799

I have &c
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Lieutt. Colonel Brown

I am this Instant favored with your letter of the 3rd Instant and am extremely obliged by the measures you have taken to keep this province quiet.

The Fall of Caroor will most likely check the restless Poligars on the north & Eastern frontier of Dindigul but the Capture of Arvarcourche is necessary to the quiet of Dindigul & I have information that the Hushan peons have orders to collect under the disaffected Poligars to assist them in plundering the Country.

The Pulney frontier in spite of every vigilance has been severely harrassed by the same barbarous banditti as in September last, aided by the peons of Veerapatchee and the Sackragherry Columbum & Darapoor Deewan's people on the 2nd my peon fell in with them attacked beat them and drove them to Columbum killing many of them, report says fifty or sixty killed & wounded

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eight we are sure of killed, and taking two peons among the killed was a Mussulman of some respectability, I apprehend him to have been the Amildar.

The man calling himself Nabob is with his rabble at Congo Cunnemaudy a short distance westward of Arwarcourchee. The party marching to possess that fort will easily disperse him.

Information is just arrived that Luckia Naique himself was shot in the thigh on the 2nd and that he escaped with difficulty.

In sending force from your detachment to possess Arwarcourchee I would recommend the inner or more eastern route by the bank of the river by Ponjumpaddy as the moving in that direction would likely operate in prevention of any of the banditti getting into the Ramghery Pollam Arwarcourchee is a short distance nearly west of Ponjumpaddy.

The Travancorians with some of the trained Sibbendies might be put in the fort of Arwarcourchee which in communication with the Sibbendies in Yereacotta and Vadasundoor would I should apprehend be a sufficient check on the disaffected Poligars and banditti in that quarter.

The possession of Darapoor Major Lindsay might effect a party of fifty Sepoys at Pulney with the peons would keep the District quiet and the Majors Post being advanced to Darapoorum would probably prevent inroads of the Sultans people either to disturb the District or to join that arch Traitor Veerapauchee, whose Vakeel Tumachee Moodelly is now with the Dewan of Hangyam at Caliguwaddy close by Darapoorum with about

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-sueenty of the Poligars Peons

Daraapoor is still a fort tho' very much out of repair I understand the peons have orders to retire to Sackragherry when they are to make a stand.

The Major's Complaints of being without Bazar man are unpleasant, some Du-kandars were attached to his detachment from Pulney who left him from what cause I know not about the 24th Ultimo I was personally informed of them by himself on the 29th at Mokumpetty, I tried to remedy the want by ordering the Tah-sildar Govindrow on the 30th at Juvandapetty in presence of the Major to send some Dukaundars to him but he then declined having them.

Supplies in the Pulney District are not precarious the dry grain Villages Veru-patchee Yeracotta & Mambarra do not afford rice not a grain of paddy having been raised this Season in either of ~~their fallows~~ the three Fallaws.

The miscreants in the Daraapoor Country instructed and assisted by the Sirkar people are destroying all the grain they can find by seating it in wells & Tanks, they are also doing the same in the Sackragherry & Columbum talooks but in the latter I hope to give some having directed the Pulney Tahsildar to use every possible endeavours for its security.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll.

Molepollum
6th April 1799

Major Lindsay. &ca. &ca.

Sir.

By letters this moment received from the Pulney

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Pulney Tahsildar and the Goomastah at Pelliem badly I find the banditti with increased numbers are returned to Columbum with the intention of again trying to plunder Pulney the Tahsildar informs me he has written to you on the subject and I have only to express my wishes that you will assist the service in punishing the miscreants in the most exemplary manner.

By Hircarrahs just arrived I learn that Moottoo Sheroogar is gone to join the banditti and that the Veerapatchee Poligars peons from Cullimunda, Keerinoor & Koodavoypatty are gone to his man Tumuchi Moodelly who is with the Pittauchee Dewan and his plundering party at or near Columbum, the Veerapatchee peons are reported about three hundred.

As you are on the spot I have to beg the favor of you to use such means as may appear best for the quiet of the Country and should the good of the service now require it that you will give the Tahsildar every assistance to get possession of Columbum in which Post if one hundred peons be placed it will secure your Detachment more at liberty to act against the enemy.

I have &c.

Malepollum }
7th April 1799 }

(Signed) F. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Stephen Lushington Esquire
Collector of Southern Pieshcush

Sir

The Yellamaclay Poligar has very often afforded matter for complaint in consequence of the assistance he has rendered his son Poojaury Naique the dispossessed Poligar of Dodanapetty in men & Arms to plunder and murder in the Southern Districts of this province but no the heed whatever has been the means of preventing this assistance going to him even with increase and at this moment by means

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of it and the co-operation of the Poodoor Colleries influenced and assisted by Yellamondy - he threatens the distinction of every Village in the Buttalu-goonta Periacolum & Ootampollum Talooks.

With any number of troops to oppose a banditti like this is impossible their warfare is by stealth - and always destructive not so much from the blood that flows as from the desolation they cause by firing Villages destroying the banks of tanks and plundering the cattle of the ryots.

This Poligar will I know deny every charge as usual against him - but I have the evidence of the Colleries themselves to adduce in support of the charge independant of what my own peons have seen this however is not the time for investigating matters of his sort - I trust however that the day of retribution will come and my unfortunate ryots be redressed the many grievances they have sustained.

Of Oodapah Naigue I have many complaints to make. I have several times applied to Mr. Jackson for redress on account of previous complaints but his orders were not attended to - and the Poligar triumphs in his disobedience - the predause I well know and know him to be immediately in league with the Poodoor Colleries - as well from his own confession to me as from his actions in assistance to them.

In No. 1 I transmit the declaration of some of my own Colleries, who were sufferers to which I beg your attention.

In No. 2 I transmit copy of letter from one of my risalahdars the Cullool Naigue himself is with Gollappa Naigue at Oodapahnaiguoor & they are both collecting peons - this has been confirmed by report of an hircarrah from them.

In No. 3 I transmit extract of letter

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from the Jemidar of the guard at Whotapahnaig =near the mother of the Cullootnaigue is the man who brought the Colleries against Nellacotta the Predaune of this Pollam promised to seize the naigue and his brother the contents will shew the extent of his fidelity to the Sirkar.

I have now to beg the favor of you to issue such orders as you may deem most proper to preserve peace.

In No. 4 I send you copy of a letter I had this morning received from the Poligar of Nuttum= it speaks for itself and I believe the contents to be true the Travancore troops will be found unable to preserve the tranquillity of the country when they were formerly at Madura many parties of them were cut in pieces by the Colleries particularly by the Pollam success has made these miscreants more audacious the times are an encouragement to plunder and the want of conduct in the Nabob's people of Madura either to act with justice towards them or to cooperate with sincerity either with you or me creates almost an impossibility of quiet both to the ryots of the neigh=bouring Pollams or Sirkar Villages.

Enclosures wanting

This Poligar to strengthen himself he sent Cakeeds to Cunniwaddy & Veerupatchee for assistance this I cannot nor will you approve of such salary as the Chinna Murdoo is in league with the Colleries or is by him supposed so to be Nuttum will try to strengthen himself independant of the Sirkar unless the Sirkar give him redress which it ought be cautious of doing as he requires it without any strict enquiry for I am informed the cause of the Colleries attack on him is in consequence of his having broken Cowle faith and murdered two of their chiefs if so the Colleries will never rest until their vengeance be satisfied.

I transmit you in No. 5 copy of my answer to Lingum Naigue of Nuttum and have to request the favor of your orders to the others as soon as possible.

Meatapollum
8 April 1799

I &c
T. B. Hurdis
Collector

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Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

Your favor of the 5th I received at 11 PM yesterday I lost not a moment in sending the Tahseeds to the Talooks to ensure the supplies you require so far as possible every thing that can be done you may depend upon but with every exertion I doubt the capability of the District under me affording every thing satisfactory.

My orders are to supply Colonel Brown with cash after complying with the indents of the Madura Paymaster.

I can remit none to you your directions as to the mode of procuring shall be observed strictly as possible

The Lubbies are not so popular in this District as in Madura and those Country more to the South. Those here are factors belonging to other at Travancore Cochin & Paulghaut Cumbum Sholavandan Vaduvindoor and Keernoor are the only places where they are resident Dindigul is not a place of trade as in Syed Sahebs time the Travancore trades passes from the villages by Audipetty through the Permaul hauts to Tiroomungalum of Madura.

The Paulghaut & Cochin by Madasa pollam to Keernoor thence sufficient merchandize for the consumption of Pulney Iyagoody & Verupatchee Cunniwaudy & Dindigul turns off the remainder goes on to Hongyum & the Gudgergatty pass part from Hongyum to Caroor & the Salem Country hence the Lubbies are few in this province & thence will be the great difficulty of procuring drivers.

The application of your ability (in the plan you have laid down) in procuring last war 14000 cattle can now be only partially made as the Nabob's Country was then under one direction besides incidental resources not now to be gained & the difficulty Mr. Macleod had in procuring cattle you are no stranger and the Maistries that then were no longer exist three only are now in all this province & those three possess neither character nor influence sufficient to

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warrant the delivery of any charge to them nevertheless bad as the tools are I will try to work with them.

Saddles can not be had here in any number what I have got are bad & very dear — they are better and cheaper if made at Tanjore including the Cooly thence to this place.

Mr. Hughes has had so much money of me lately and is in want of more that I can spare you none I will do every thing I can completely to equip the carriage bullocks for you with as much public money as I can get when that fails what I may be able to command privately shall assist the public service for which as in the other case you can grant me bills of the public Offices at Madras —

I wish you could send a confidential man to receive number, examine, mark the muster what may be procured here — it would perhaps be more satisfactory both to you and myself.

I transmit you Extract of letter to Mr. Secretary Webbe when called on by him to ascertain what could be derived hence the result then was far from promising since that time I have assisted Mr. Hawkins men and some of General Bentleys sent from the Bombay Army in procuring bullocks.

I have written the Madura renter for assistance but he is so great a rascal that I can place no dependance on what he may promise —

You have of course written Mr. Collr. Lushington — the Murdoor Mittum & Soramcourchee can afford a tolerable supply —

I have requested Colo. Brown to give order in the Ariwarcourchee talook for as many as can be collected to be sent here and as one of my own Tahsildars is gone to superintend the Country I have hopes of being able to get a supply —

I shall report progress —

I have &c.,
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Matepollam
9th April 1799

Major

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Major Lindsay
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have this moment received your letter dated 7th at 4 P.M. which has created no small degree of surprise it is in answer to mine of the 6th subjoined to a Copy of one from Colonel Brown and has in it the paragraphs.

I cannot see the propriety of commencing a predatory warfare and have carefully avoided it tho much in my power, Columbum I could have taken quiet possession of when at Talgoot on the 18th Ultimo but adverting to circumstances refrained from that and every other act of seizure of either place or property. Indeed the territory to be secured is already too extensive for all your peons and this Detachment.

The business in which I am at present employed is well defined and your peons as long as they are within the Pulney Territory or only reclaiming what the banditti have carried of from it shall receive every protection in my power to afford — In acts of plunder I shall not countenance them.

As the above paragraph intimates that you have been called on to support a predatory warfare I request the favor of you to inform me from whom such requisition came, no part of my letter of the 6th could with the most forced construction be so interfered nor can any part of that of the 7th my motive for possessing Columbum is to secure the produce of the late harvest, report speaks 12000 Cullum of Grain being in that Country and this not only for the Sirkar benefit but for the Ryots —

Circumstances exist now shall make the possession of Columbum desirable the fall of Caroor and the placing a Garrison in Arivacourchee which will I hope take place in two or three days will quiet all on the north & north eastern frontier and leave you at liberty to take possession of Dara=poor and thereby can the whole of the Pulney fron=tier with greater care than now both to yourself and Sepoys —

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I understand from an Hircarrah that Caroor is in our possession and of the possession of Arrivacourchee & Darapoor are of material conse=quence to the peace of this Province I shall request the favor of Colonel Brown to issue such orders as he may deem proper for issuing them to us.

I am again to request an explanation of the before mentioned paragraphs from your letter of the 7th as soon as possible.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collector

Natopollam
9th April 1799

John Benward Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the pleasure of sending the Demand Collection & Balance of the District under my management for March 1799.

I am &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
10th April 1799

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith you will receive my accounts for March 1799.

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Camp at
Darapooram 15th April 1799

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul.

Sir

I have to beg you will order a guard to proceed with all possible expedition on the road Trichinopoly till they meet a Naig and four Sepoys to be dispatched from thence this morning with Treasure yours will join in protecting the Money to this place.

As from Manapar hence is the most likely part of the road for any accident to happen from marauders it is hoped the Guard you despatch will endeavor the most the other or near that place as possible

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Dindigul
16 April 1799

I have &c
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Coll.

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident at Tanjore.

Sir

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 11th and 15th to Mr. Hurdis the latter enclosing Extract from the Regulations established by Government for the bullock department which in all cases that apply shall be attended to.

I am sorry the reports received from the Tahsildars do not at present enable me to give you so satisfactory an account of the number of bullocks and owners this District can supply as I could wish about 1500 head of cattle may I think be procured, but I doubt almost the possibility of getting Drivers for that number a quarter part of which will be Carriage.

Most of the few Chettys & Maistries &c in the District have been engaged in the business, there are would become the owners of more bullocks than they have ordered for could they procure Drivers, to effect which is the greatest difficulty to be overcome and to which my constant attention shall be devoted.

I leave this tomorrow the Valley and hope by my presence to remove every impediment in that quarter, every thing that my exertions can accomplish you may be assured off.

I received intimation from Major Kenny the 15th that he should dispatch two thousand five hundred Pagodas the next morning for Mr. Hurdis.

I am making all the Bullock saddles, Gunnies can possibly be procured for

When I have visited the different parts of the Valleys, I shall have the pleasure to report you further and I hope more satisfactorily on this subject, in the mean time be assured your directions shall in every parah as far as circumstances admit be attended to.

Dindigul
17th Apr. 1799

41 (Sig.) J G Ravinshaw
Actg. Coll.

To J. G. Ravenshaw
 Assist. Collector
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Sir

As it is very probable an order may arrive, to despatch to Colonel Brown a division of the Bullocks now collecting for the service, in time to proceed with him, to the Army — I have to request you will hold in readiness whatever cattle you may have collected in order that they may join the party from Trichinopoly as they pass Caroor — of which you will have timely information — I expect this order (if it comes at all) about the 25th & beg to know by return of Tappal the number of Bullocks you will have collected by that time.

I have sent you a Form stating all the particulars which will be required with the accounts of Mr. Hurdis expenditure on the Article of supply —

Tanjore
20 April 1799

I am &ca.
(signed) B. Torin
Resident

J. B. Torin Esquire
&ca. Tanjore

Sir

Mr. Hurdis's letter of the 16th will have informed you of his intentions respecting the bullocks that may be got from this quarter — those from the western and northern frontiers of this District, he has already ordered on — the numbers I know not — four hundred & forty five those from the valley I am collecting D and C are now ready, and by the 25th I may expect one hundred and fifty more all which I believe Mr. Hurdis intends ordering in laden with rice — from hence to Caroor.

The form of an account you mention to have sent in your letter of the 20th Instant is not come to hand.

The two thousand five hundred Pag.s you desired Major Henry to forward, are received.

Natepollam
22d. Apl. 1799

I am &ca.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Coll.

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To
Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident Tanjore

Sir.

Mr. Hurdis's letter of the 16th will have informed you of his intentions respecting the bullocks that may be got from this quarter - those from the western and northern frontiers of this District he has already ordered on, the numbers I know not - Those from the valley I am collecting four hundred and forty five D & C are now ready and by the 25th I may expect one hundred and fifty more, all which I believe Mr. Hurdis intends ordering on laden with rice from hence to Caroor the form of an account you mention to have sent in your letter of the 20th is come to hand.

The two thousand five hundred Pagodas you desired Major Kenny to forward are received.

I have &ca.

Matepollam
22d April 1799

(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul

Sir

Be pleased to order a naigues guard to be in readiness tomorrow morning by 10 O'clock to escort Treasure to Nellacottah -

I am &ca.

Dindigul
22d April 1799

(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Major General William Sydenham
Military Auditor General &ca.

Sir

Agreeable to the instruction in your letter of the 29th January 1799 communicated by the Board of Revenue, I have the honor of forwarding Invoice of Rice &ca. delivered by my people to Mr. Hawkins Commissary with Southern field Detachment -

I have &ca.

Camp at Erroad
25th April 1799

(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Major Kenny
Commanding Trichinopoly

Sir

The bearer will deliver to you the two

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two thousand one hundred Pagodas mentioned in my letters of this days date.

Dindigul
26th April 1799

I have &c.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Major Dallas
Agent for supply of Bullock to the Army
Sir

I have the pleasure of sending Receipt & Certificate for Carriage Bullocks supplied for the Grand Army in part of those directed to be furnished by Mr. Torin to whom the registers are sent.

Camp Erroad
26 April 1799

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul
Sir

I will thank you to order a Havildar's Guard to be with readiness at the Collector's Cutcherry this evening at 3 O'Clock to escort Treasure to Trichinopoly.

Dindigul
26 April 1799

I am &c.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Major Kenny
Commanding Trichinopoly
Sir

I have the honor to inform you that at the request of Mr. Torin Resident at Tanjore I shall this evening despatch for you the sum of two thousand Star Pagodas under charge of a Havildar's Guard.

Dindigul
26th April
1799

I have the &c.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident Tanjore
Sir

In consequence of the request made in your letter of the 24th Instant I shall despatch this evening under charge of a Havildar's guard to Major Kenny the two thousand five hundred Str. Pagas. you desired him to forward to Mr. Collr. Hurdis

Dindigul
26th April 1799

(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Assist. Collr.

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To Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster - Madura

Sir

I have the pleasure to inform you the amount of your indent for next month 4000 Star Pagodas, can be supplied.

Dindigul
27th April 1799

I have &c.
(Signed)

To Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul

Sir

Your letter of this days date enclosing a Copy of Mr. Paymaster Hughes's of the 26th I have this moment received.

I am in the same situation as Mr. Hughes in respect to orders for collecting draught and Carriage Bullocks for the army I have not got ready at Dindigul half the number expected from this Districts and I doubt if the whole can be completed with drivers till which is effected I cannot con consistent with the orders, I have received, give Mr. Hughes agent any assistance.

Mr. Hughes is not acquainted with the numbers of Bullocks and men, already drawn from this District or would not him in it so fully capable of affording cattle and followers.

As the business of supplying draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Guns and Detachment ordered to join Major Lindsay comes under the Paymasters detachment I conceive Mr. Hughes would be justified in supplying what may be wanted for that purpose from the number he has collected at Madura for the public service.

Dindigul
27th April
1799

I have &c.
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Dear Sir

The enclosed Copies of Certificate & receipt for Bullocks procured by me in part of your supply will shew you all that could be done in

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in furtherance of the Service no Bullocks can go on this trip with Colonel Brown as he is now too far advanced in the route and will be much difficult to get forage for what he has with him.

Colonel Read had on the 25th gotten 15 miles within the pass

I am &ca.

Erroad 29 April 1799 } To B Lorain Esqre. Sayore (signed) T.B Hurdis Collr.

Captain M C Macgregor
Commanding Erroad

Sir

Having appointed Tremul Lyengar Tahsildar of Chengary Pullarum and Streepetroo as Tahsildar of Perumbore, I have to request for each fifty of Tondemans peones untill other can be procured & this so soon as possible that no delay may be made in taking possession of the Country.

I have &ca.

Eirode 30th April 1799 } (signed) T B Hurdis Collr.

My Dear Sir

The Tahsildar of Darapooram complains his business goes on ill the mere appearance of the Nautamears and the tricks they play to prevent others coming forward in defiance of order. I shall be obliged by any assistance you can give him to correct this evil which if not effective by in checked my produce very ill consequences.

Very truly yours, &ca.

Erroad 30 April 1799 } (signed) T.B Hurdis Collr.

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

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Sir

Mr. Assistant Collector Ravens have has informed me of your application to Captain Trotter to request the Collectors interference in procuring Bullocks for Major Lindsay's Detachment I have directed a supply to be made from those collected for the Grand Army this I have done in accommodation to the Service In future I have to request that your

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your Department may assist to the utmost of its power, itself and the more particularly as at the time this request was made you were procuring Bullocks at Madura whence when they cannot be had at Dindigul they should be sent to your agent.

I have &c.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Erroad
1st May 1799

To Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir
I have not yet received intimation of any Cash being consigned to me on your accounts as mentioned in your letter of the 2d Instant, but should any arrive with me for that purpose I will forward it under a guard as you request.

I am &c.
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Assist. Collr.

Dindigul
3d May 1799

Dear Torin
The number of Bullocks Collected from this District above the 2000 you first counted on will be about 400 four hundred including those sent by Mr. Hurdis with Colonel Browns detachment a very large proportion are carriage Cattle.

I shall as you desire, despatch the two thousand Bullocks, procured from this District, as also all those sent here by Mr. Hughes, in a few days to Caroor consigned to the care of Captn. Gepp where I suppose you have people to take charge of the whole—

Colonel Brown was beyond Cauveri-pooram some days since, General Floyd having left the grand Army before Seringapatam on the 19th Ultimo whose things were going on so well they expected to be in the place on my day has joined Colonel Read.

Mr. Hughes's bullocks are of a very small kind and from the dryness of the season

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and consequent scarcity of water and food, not in very good condition.

Dindigul
3d May 1799

Yours &c.
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Assistant Collr.

I suppose you wish me to send Copy of Registers of Bullocks entertained here & sent to Captain B Gepp with the Cattle.

Robert Hughes Esquire
Madura

Sir

From the Bearer you will receive the Cask sent here by Major Kenny for you.

Dindigul
4th May 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J. G. Ravensh.
Assistt. Collr.

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster &c. &c. Madura

Sir

I was this morning favored with a letter from Major Kenny Commanding Trichinopoly forwarding Three thousand Star Pagodas on your Account which at his desire I shall despatch to you this evening escorted by an Havildar's guard.

Dindigul
4th May 1799

I am &c.
(Signed) J G Ravenshaw
Assistt. Coll

J B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Inclosed you will receive Estimate of Probable Receipts and Disbursements for May 1799 and Register of Bill for April.

Erroad
4th May 1799

I have &c.
(Signed)

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Enclosed you will receive duplicate of Probable Receipts and Disbursements for the Month of May 1799.

Erroad
4 May 1799

I have &c.
(Signed)

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To Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul
Sir
Be pleased to order two Collaries – Shevenandy and Andy now confined on the Rock to be delivered over to the charge of the Cutwal who attend you herewith –

Dindigul
4th May 1799

I am &ca
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Captain Gepp
Commanding Caroor
Sir
The Havildar's guard accompanying this have charge of two thousand nine hundred bullocks for the service of the Army proceeding from hence to Namcul, as the duty of this garrison on falls very heavy on the few troops here, I have to request you will if possible relieve the guard sent from hence, and forward the cattle to Namcul with all expedition –

Dindigul
6th May 1799

I am &ca
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Lieutenant James
Fort Adjutant Trichinopoly
Sir
Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending bill on Narasimma Chetty for the subsistance of the late Poligar of Pulney for the Current Month.

Erroad
6th May 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul
Sir
I will thank you to order a Havildar's guard to be in readiness for tomorrow morning at Gun=fire to escort about 3000 Bullocks to the Army to Caroor or eventually to Namcul, if this cannot be relieved at the former place –

Dindigul
6th May 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Assistt. Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul

Sir

I think it would be advisable, if you were publicly to proclaim that the customary reward shall be given for all Parier or stray Dogs killed and brought in to the Commanding officers quarters.

The very serious scarcity of waters and accidents likely to arise therefrom among the canine species will I am sure convince you of the propriety of this measure.

I shall be happy to give any orders for the furtherance of this desirable object.

Yours obediently
(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Dindigul
6th May 1799

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident &ca. &ca. Tanjore

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 4th Instant and at your request shall despatch tomorrow morning to the Commanding Officer at Namcul the bullocks collected here. Viz.

Drought	370	Complete with Maistrys drivers saddles & nose strings
Carriage	1530	
Total	1900	

Add to these 174 one hundred and seventy four Carriage bullocks forwarded by Mr. Hurdis with Colonel Brown's detachment, and the Total supplied from this District is two thousand & seventy four.

In addition to these I expect in the course of three or four days to have about 300 more Carriage bullocks complete. Should more be wanting I can only promise you my best endeavours to obtain them but Mr. Hurdis's Treasury is very low, that no more Cash can be advanced from thence.

Considering the season the cattle are in good condition, those from some parts of the Valley

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are a small breed, but equal to undergo fully or more fatigue than some larger, those again from other parts of the District are fine large cattle and many of the carriage fit for draught service.

I have been so fortunate as to procure 251 Rice bags which with three hundred & seventy three gunnies I have ready here shall be despatched with the Bullocks and will I trust in some degree obviate the impediments you are fearful of.

Five hundred drought & the same number of carriage Bullocks from Madura will accompany those I sent from hence tomorrow all others that may come from that quarter I will order on as you desire.

(signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Aspt. Coll.

Dindigul }
6th May 1799 }

Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

I was prevented sending off the best of Bullocks collected here till 11 O'Clock A M this day

The Lubbies and Maistries of this Districts are very far from an opulent set of people in their line they had very few bullocks of their own, still less any other property whence as they were obliged to purchase nearly the whole cattle they engaged for and provide drivers saddles for them, which the 3 Pagodas advance could not defray, including the expense of keeping of men and bullocks. Their circumstances must be very low, tho not so bad as they wished me to believe.

They Came to me this morning and begged I would advance them money or pay

pay them for the days their bullocks had been entertained to enable them to defray the expences of themselves and people on the road saying they had no money left to pay their Drivers the daily allowance some of whom they were fearful would not stay with them if not advanced some little money down—

I had no orders, and had I Mr. Hurdis's Treasury is so low it could not admit of any further advances. I therefore positively refused to comply with their request and ordered them to set out with their cattle immediately, promising however to request of you to order their hire for their bullocks to be paid or some satisfaction made them on their arrival at Namcul.

This I trust you will if possible order to be done, or I doubt if their parts not loose some of their drivers their means I am convinced are very low.

In my letter of yesterday I intimated my intention of sending 251 Gunny Bags, but on looking them over 51 were found not strong enough only 200 therefore are sent with the Gunnies I mentioned—

I have &ca.

Dindigul
7th May 1799

(Signed)

To The Officer
Commanding Namacul

Sir

The Bearers have charge of two thousand Bullocks being part of Mr. Benjamin Torins, supplyed for the grand Army you will of Course forward or keep them at Namcul as you may have received orders.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
7th May 1799

(Signed) J G Ravenshaw

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J B Traverse Esquire

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending the Demand Collection and Balance of the Dindigul District for April 1799

I have &ca.

Caroor
10th May 1799

(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident at Tanjore

Sir

Your letter of the 9th stating that you have no objection to my sending money after the Maistries at the rate of half a Pagoda per Bullock, I am this moment favored with.

In my letter of the 7th I remarked on this subject "I had no orders" and had I Mr. Hurdis's Treasury is so low it could not admit of any further advances.

This is really the case, and it is not in my power to send the money you mention. I trust therefore you will if possible have the advance made to the owners at Namcul.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
10th May 1799

(signed) I. G Ravenshaw
Assistt. Collr.

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident Tanjore

Sir

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith register and muster certificates of three hundred and seventy (370) Draught and one thousand five hundred & thirty (1530) Carriage Bullocks, furnished by Mr. Hurdis being part of his supply on your ac=count

=account for the grand Army.

Accompanying Copy of the muster Certificates having been before sent you is also Register of one hundred & seventy four (174) Carriage Bullocks furnished by Mr. Hurdis to the Agent with Colonel Brown's Detachment being in further part of your supply for the Army.

For the Amount of Cash advanced as per these two Registers (Sp. 6920 - 10 - 34 Six thousand nine hundred and twenty Star Pagodas ten fanams and thirty four Cash, you will be pleased to grant Bills in favor of the Board of Revenue.

Duplicate of the Registers and original muster Certificates of the 1960 Bullocks I enclose for your signature, to be forwarded to the Principal Agent in Camp.

I am &ca.

(signed) G. J. Ravenshaw

Asst. Collr.

Dindigul

11th May 1799.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 9th I received on my road hither. The Cattle (draught) shall be stayed as you desire. the Carriage Cattle shall be pushed forward to the Droog. there is no forage here or near this place for the Cattle at this moment. I have no idea but that Caroor can give security to the Cattle. Yet since the Detachment has proceeded north the Afoes have recovered themselves and are going about the Country with the Rabble horse and foot they have with them to the great annoyance of the Ryots.

The Services Government require of us I trust we shall be able to perform. Such objections however as occur must be stated and with the means we have we must get on.

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Of Grain I fear the supply will be very small indeed from Dindigul I expect none and even had the ryots any to sell the means of Conveyance cannot be procured to forward it to Erroad or Caroor I have however ordered all the Asses & Buffalo bandies in the District to be procured for the Carriage of such Grain and Gram as may be got there is no great prospect of speed in this service but every thing that can be done to expedite it shall be done

Grain is hardly any where to be procured the crops failed very generally I left orders with the different Tahsildars to procure from each Talook of the Countries that have fallen to us supplies in due Cattle Sheep and Gram the Total of the assessment 8000 Rice Cullums 1200 head of Cattle 10000 Sheep & 8000 Cullums of Gram Of this little is as yet collected but I trust all will be in within three weeks.

At Dindigul I shall have 2000 Cullums of Rice ready but no Carriage in seven days to this if we add the amount of Mr Waddel's proposal the Store in rice will be no inconsiderable quantity and this independant of what may come from the Eastward

I think Mr Frasers being at Erroad to superintend the supply would be the means of expediting it in as much as it would save the trouble of reference & decrease the Correspondence It was my intention to have begged of you to have sent some one, as my presence being necessary in many places it could not be in my power to afford all the satisfaction I might wish in assistance to you

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Government are too sanguine in their expectation of speedily getting cattle for carriage of the supplies positively tis next to an impossibility.

As to the safety of employing the army Cattle on the north bank of the Cauvery there can be no danger in employing them but I think until the Southern Detatchment return the South bank may be liable to interruption from the Asses who have caused already so much fear in Kangyem that I apprehend we shall draw no supplies from thence.

I do not think we shall be able to get Coimbatoor with the Troops now to the Southward the fort is in ruins It is not from weakness of numbers I offer this but from the very probable Consequences of disturbance should the Garrisons be more weak than at present.

I can undertake for five thousand sheep for the Army from Dindigul and 1000 head of Cattle. rice & Grain will be in great scarcity in that province so soon as possible you shall have a probable estimate.

I think the business must be done before Seeringapatam by this time.

I have been very unwell these ten days past and can now scarcely hold my pen.

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collector

May 11th 1799

B Torin Esquire
&c. &c. &c.

Benjamin Torin Esquire

Sir

The above letters will shew you the assistance we may expect from Paulghaut. I Could not in my answer to Mr. Waddel say I would accede to the terms specified without

reference

reference to you I recommend that they be acceded to and on your answer to this I will advice him of what may be expected from him.

I have &c.

Caroor
11th May 1797 }

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Coll.r

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th reached me the 6th I thank you for it and for the assistance you are giving to the Tahsildar of Darapooram whose fears are great indeed of Moheul deenali and the other desifs now peregrinating about your part. Great however as his fears are they are infinitely short of those of the Tahsildar of Kangyem whose conduct is such as to cause in me great apprehension for the fort which from his letter I think it not unlikely but that he may give up to almost any rabble that may ask it of him.

This post is of very considerable importance as a place of protection to supplies from Shakragherry Shenjary Daraporum &ca and as such demands our care, independant of its value as being the Cusba of the Talook and residence of the asif as being near to it you are in the way of every information and I have only to express my wishes that you will have the goodness to afford it all the protection and assistance in your power. The Tahsildar has 108 Peons. I would request a Jemadar's Guard might be added, to the Garrison but as I am acquainted with the circumstances only from a man who seems half destroyed by his own fears I cannot quite depend on his representations & thence I do not think

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it necessary to make a requisition that might weaken your Detachment without answering the end proposed by the addition you will be able to judge & consequently adopt such measures as may appear best calculated for its safety and the tranquillity of the Talook

I am very much afraid we shall not be able to draw the supplies on Shakragerry Darapoor & Kangiem particularly as the asifs have left Danagancotta for the purpose of harrassing the ryots at whose return I wonder much considering the cruelties practised on them by their former masters

Respecting the Grain I know not what to do all the Carriage is under requisition for the army and ordered to Sankerry Droog there is not a bullock to be had so that a very considerable loss must ensure & probably a great disappointment in providing supplies

I fancy the Hircarrah was right but I cannot conceive why they retired from the Pettah of Coimbatoor their remaining there would have ensured the asifs stay at Danagancotta and have been the means of check in their intentions against our supplies — No news whatever.

I have &c.

Caroor 11 May 1799 (Signed) J. B. Hurdis Collr.

To Major Dallas
Principal Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks

Sir

You will herewith receive Register and Muster Certificates of three hundred and seventy (370) Draught & One thousand five hundred and thirty (1530) Carriage Bullocks furnished by

by Mr. Collector Hurdis being in part of Mr. B Torins supply to the grand Army.

Dindigul
11th May 1799

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Captain Malcolm Macgregor
&ca. &ca. Errode

Sir

The peons of the Tandeman who went with the Tahsildar of Chengary Pulladum having returned to this place I have the pleasure of sending them to you they have received their batta in full for the time they have been serving and to the time of arrival at Errode.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
12th May 1799

Benjamin Torin Esquire
Tanjore

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 11th I have just received My letter of the 11th to you will have informed you of my opinion on the points required by yours of the 9th.

I could wish such supplies as may arrive at Caroor from Mr. Hughes or any other person might be delivered to the charge of the Officer Commanding and this that they may be better looked to as I shall be obliged to go to the westward and the people I have here are hardly sufficient for their own business.

The business of the supply

 being

being so extensive it becomes very necessary to have an establishment for the purpose of Conducting it with efficiency & regularity particularly at Erroad which of course will be the place to which all the supplies that may be procurable from the Coimbatoor Paulghaut & the Malabar Coast will be directed.

I am very glad you will be able to get gram in large supply from Trichinopoly the supply of that article from these Districts will be very defective. I have got in near One thousand Collums.

In the Columbum & Darapoor talooks are great quantities of grain but Carriage is not procurable. Major Lindsay at Darapoor writes thus. "The Amildar has "been doing his best, but the removing grain "to any distance in pots carried by man "Women & Children is a very slow operation "Bandies & Bullocks would answer much better "and if 100 or 200 head of the Carriage Cattle "provided at Dindigul for the public service "with their Drivers, saddles & gonies complete "Could be spared for a fortnight or so they "Could be very usefully employed here & in the "Curravallin of Columbum.

The Major certainly writes the truth and the unfortunate part of the story is that we cannot help ourselves.

The same difficulty occurs in the Carriage of the grain in the Erroad District which is just now cutting in this District I hope to be able to secure a little

Carriage

Carriage probably so flused bullocks — which, with the asses I hope to get I trust to get on with.

I intend to try for Carriage from Paulghaut but until the communication be regularly open we can trust to nothing from thence. Of this Mr. Waddle's construction does not seem aware nor does he in my opinion advert to the difference of distance between Paulghaut & Coimbatoor and Paulghaut & Erroad.

You shall hear in three or 4 days if I can do more than I have said.

You must expect no money from me this Month. The probable surplus was anticipated in your letter arrived in advances for Tuccany. My revenues are nearly in and Mr. Hughes with the very heavy Sibbendy at present on the District have completely drained my treasury.

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Caroor
13th May 1799

B. Torin Esquire
Tanjour

Sir

Under escort of an Havildar's Guard I shall despatch from hence tomorrow one thousand (1000) Draught and Carriage Bullocks to Caroor sent here by Mr. Hughes from Madras.

I have written the Commanding Officer to request he will forward the Cattle with a guard to Nameul.

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Dindigul
14th May 1799

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 12th and should the Bullocks sent from Dindigul come here (which from their not arriving, I rather suppose may have gone to Namcul by a nearer route) I will so far as may be in my power accommodate the people with a further advance but my treasury never full, is now very low indeed.

There must be some strange delay in the Tappal hence to you or you must have got several letters from me ere you wrote on the 12th. I will you may be assured communicate as fully and frequently as possible.

I am &ca.

Caroor
14th May 1799

(Signed) I B Hurdis
Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul

Sir

Be pleased to order Runga Chinnam Naicken Chunguen Coolen and Vellaun Nairen prisoners now confined on the Rock to be delivered over to the Cutwall who attend herewith.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
14th May 1799

(Signed) I G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Captain Gepp
Commanding Caroor

Sir

The Bearer has charge of one thousand, 1000, Draught & Carriage Bullocks for the Army which have to request you will send on escorted by a Guard to Namcul.

I am &ca.

Dindigul
14th May 1799

(Signed) I G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Major

Major Kenny

Commanding Trichinopoly

Sir

I am forwarded with your letter of the 30th Ultimo acknowledging the receipt of the two thousand five hundred Star Pagodas 2500 despatched from hence on the 28th

As a letter is not considered a sufficient vouchers in Mr. Hurdis account occasioning I have to beg you will send a re=gister Receipt for this amount

I am &ca.

Dindigul 14th May 1799 }

(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Assist. Collr.

There are two letters to be entered &c.

To Major William Kenny

&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir

I am this instant favored with your letter of the 16th Instant enclosing Copy of letter from the Secretary to Government of the 13th In reply I have to beg the favour of you to inform me as quickly as possible what force can be spared from the Garrison of Trichinopoly to act with Major Lindsay Detachment in order to carry the Right Honble. the Governor Generals order into effect

I have &ca.

Carroor 17th May 1799 }

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis

Collr.

To Major Kenny

or Senior Officer in the Sn. Division

Sir

I am directed by the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council to enclose for your information a Copy of his Lordships orders to the Collector of Dindigul & to desire that you will take such measures in concert with Mr. Hurdis as may be judged most Conducive

to the objects of his Lordship's Instructions that Gentleman.

Fort St. George
13th May 1799

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. Webbe
Secty. to Govt.

(A true Copy)
(Signed) W. Henny Major
Senior Officer &ca.

Major Innes
Commanding &ca. &ca. Tanjour

Sir

Having received the orders of Governor General to take such immediate means as may be practicable in concert with the Officers Commanding the several Forts in the Southern Division for bearing the Districts lying below the Ghauts not yet assumed under the Authority of the Company's Government.

I have to beg the favor of you to inform me as soon as possible what Force can be spared from the Garrison of Tanjore to act with Major Lindsay's Detachment in order to carry the Right Honorable the Governor General's orders into effect.

Caroor
17th May 1799

I have &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Major Lindsay
&ca. &ca. Darapoorum

Sir

Having received the orders of Governor General to take such immediate means as may be practicable in concert with the Officers Commanding the several Forts in the southern Countries for bringing the Districts lying below the Ghauts (not yet assumed) under the authority of the Company's Government I have in consequence applied to the Officer in Command at Trichinopoly

Tanjore

Tanjore, Dindigul, Madura Ramnad Carvor & Palghautcherry Copy of letter to Major Ramney I enclose for your information) to know what force in each might be able under present circumstances to spare in assistance to your detachment.

You shall have the answers of each on their arrival and in the interim I have to beg the favor of you to state what may be necessary in your opinion whether in point of numbers or supplies to render the Detachment equal to the service required of it and this that no delay in provision of the latter many happen that were possibly be prevented.

As it is of great Consequence to me to know of your movements, I have to request the favor of you to inform me of them and as the possession of Shakragherry appears to me a principal object in keeping quiet the Country near it I have to beg the favor of you to inform me whether you think it practicable to take the possession of it with the force now under you

In this question however a second may be involved viz whether on your quitting the Station at or near Daraporam and going so far from it Close to the hills the ... and their rabble may not seriously injure both the Country and ryots in and about Kongyem and between it and Daraporum. Your information will enable you to resolve this question and should it appear to you that the absence of the detachment from Daraporum or near it will not be an invitation for the rabble to make their predatory incursion I submit to you the propriety (if Consistent with your numbers) by any means whether of seize or attack that may appear better to you, of getting possession of it

Shakragherry

Shakragherry or as in the Sultauns books it is denominated Azeezabad is subject to an asif whose residence was at Pillachee Mahee uldeen ali the 1st asif and Shaik Abdul rufsool the 2d asif whether Pillachee (which was a Cantonement) has a Fort or not I do not know but being the seat of one of the five I think it likely to have some sort of place of defence

Business will detain me here four or five days longer I shall then proceed to Arawarcourchee where I shall remain only until I hear of your motions so soon as I know them I shall proceed to join you or go to Kongyem as business may perhaps render more necessary to get on the supplies &ca. ordered from that & other quarters.

I have &ca.

Caroor 18 May 1799

(Signed) J B Hurdis

P.S. Since writing the above Captn. Gepp has informed he can spare as follows

	Serjt.	Corp	Privates	
Europeans	2	2	20	
	Jamdr.	Havildar	Naig	Sepoys
Native	1	2	3	40

and one Subaltern Officer

Major Kenny &c &c Trichinopoly

Sir

When last I heard from Major Lindsay he was at Darapoorum the strength of the Garrison in Coimbatore I consider almost nominal the first itself is reported in a state of ruin the asifs with a rabble the numbers of which reports state variously are running about the Country to the terror of the peaceable inhabitants but there are no regular Troops of the Mysorean below the ghauts

The Chief Fort is necessary to be reduced is Shakragherry in Azeezabad are hill fort near Columbum from the possession of which at present the Killadar is enabled to

distress

distress the inhabitants near him by parties of banditti who under his protection commit the most wanton acts of violence this fort I apprehend no disturbance will touch us in future but until its fall the ryots can expect no ease.

It is reported the Garrison Consists of 150 Peons and about as many more people whom the Killadar has collected for his better defence the works are strong but is said there is great want of water within whether Major Lindsay will be able to get into it with what he has or not I do not know but if he should leave the Garrison in it will much weaken his already weak detachment.

I have &ca.

Caroor
18th May 1799

(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Major Romney
&ca. &ca. Paulghaut

Sir

Having received the orders of Governor General to take such immediate means as may be practicable in concert with the Officers Commanding the several forts in the Southern Countries for bringing the Districts lying below the ghauts (not yet assumed) under the authority of the Company's Government

I have to beg the favour of you to inform me as speedily as possible what force can be spared from the Garrison of Paulghautcherry to act with Major Lindsay's Detachment in order to carry the Right Honorable the Governor General's orders into effect.

By an Hircarrah's report learned that

learned that a party from Paulghaut had taken possession of the Pettah of Coimbatoor but had again retired on hearing the Southern Detachment had proceeded up the Ghauts as your late letter did not confirm this or even mention the circumstance I led.. to doubt the truth of the report

I have to request the favor of you to inform Major Lindsay also of the force you may be able to assist him with and this as well to save time as to prevent the possibility of any delay in furthering the orders of Governor General.

From your vicinity to Coimbatoor you are doubtless well acquaintance with its strength every particular on this subject I have to beg the favor of you to inform Major Lindsay of and that you will have the goodness to be quick in condition as circumstances may admit

It appears to me that there will be very little difficulty in establishing a regular tappal to Darapoorum from the assistance of the Gours on the Paulghaut side I have to request you will have the goodness to effect if possible five Rupees per Month may be allowed each peon and one or two peons as circumstances may require (probably at present two will be proper) at each stage the stages each from the other about seven & an half English miles

In the hope of shortly hearing from you

Caroor
18th May 1799

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Major William Kenny
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have received your favor of the

18th

18 "& hasten to reply the orders of Government
to me are "that such immediate means as may
"be practicable should be taken by you in concert
"with the Officers Commanding the several
"forts, for bringing those District under the au-
-thority of the Company's Government."

2 Hence I did not conceive that
you were the only person to be applied to and
under such Conception I have addressed the
different Commandants of several forts neither
did I Conceive that a new detachment was
to be formed but that such drafts as could
be made consistently with the safety of the
different Garrisons should be sent after having
joined each other to join Major Lindsay's
Detachment in order to render it equal to the
service required of it.

3 These drafts were of course to
be formed and directed wholly by you but it
was necessary for me to understand that numbers
that might be sent from each place as speedily
as possible that I might take the measures ne-
-cessary to secure to them supplies and this
Could be done only by my requesting of the
Officers applied to information of the strength
each could spare.

4 I have written to Tanjore
Dindigul Madura Ramnad Caroor and
Paulghaut as senior Officer in the Southern
Division you ought to be informed of the requi-
-sitions made on those Garrisons under your
Controul & I was in the act of writing you
this morning to say what I had done in order
that no mistake or misconception might
accrue when I received your favor by express.

You

5 You are very obliging in your offer of holding in readiness such troops as may be wanted that the service may not suffer as to the numbers necessary I am unable to form an opinion in my letter of yesterday I mentioned part of the service to be performed and the strength of Azeezabad I apprehend however all that can be spared will be wanted Major Lindsay has I believe not more than three hundred firelocks with him but this I write more from supposition than any thing I positively know.

6 A letter from Colonel Brown says I hope soon be back in this Country & as I have reason to suppose he arrived at Seringapatam the 11th unless we can by our united efforts draw the parties together in eight days I think it possible the detachment ordered from the grand Army or has may be here so soon as to render the drafts useless.

Caroor
19th May 1799

I have &ca.
(Signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul.

Sir
Please to supply (60) sixty flints and nine hundred and eight ball Cartouches for the use of the drilled Sibbendy Peons

Dindigul
19th May 1799

I am &ca.
(Signed) I. G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

My Dear Sir
Sir
Your favor of the 16th I have this moment received and feell much obliged by your assistance and Communication the Tahsildar of

Hankyem

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Hankyem however has conducted himself in so improper a manner as to leave me no alteration with him.

You cannot have received my letter of the 11th or 18th in the latter you will perceive a reinforcement equal to what can be spared will be forthcoming and from Major Henny I learn that two Companys of the Travancorians march tomorrow from Trichinopoly for this place, whence instead of the detail of Europeans & natives I have in communication with Captain Gepp commuted them to 50 Sepoys and a Subaltern this however if you disapprove may be easily placed as before but our means of victualling &ca are very confined.

An Hircarrah from Paulghaut informs there are three Companies and a Gun at Valiar if so this force surely might join you which with what may be spared will prove of great assistance I send you a letter from Major Henny herewith.

The Companies from Trichinopoly will not be here until the 26th or 27th when I shall have concluded my business there and shall join the Sepoys on their march towards you at Chinna Darapoorum two marches hence to the westward.

Thank you for your offer of money for the Tahsildar of Hongyem which should he want any will be convenient but as he must go to the Right about & as the man superseding him takes money hence it may not be necessary.

I apprehend now Seringapatam is ours that the asses will all be off with the plunder they have.

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I am my dear Sir with hearty congratulations on the complete success of our Armies

Very truly &ca

(Signed) S B Hurdis
Collr

20 May 1799

Major Lindsay
&ca &ca

Major William Henry
&ca &ca &ca

Sir

I am favored with your letter of the 20 your letter of the 19 gave me hopes of two Companies of the Travancorians but your letter now received (of the 20) speaks of one Company only if two Company can be spared I hope you will send them particularly as I had given Major Lindsay reason to expect them -

I had made a requisition to the Officer Commanding Dindigul for such force as he could spare & received his answers which leave me to expect none from that quarter & thence I am the more anxious for fuller assistance from you -

I hardly expected any from Madura or Ramnad the disturbances of the Colleries and other banditti in that quarter will make it impossible for any troops to be spared.

I have &ca

Caroor
21st May 1799

(Signed) S B Hurdis
Collr

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George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue.

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending the accounts for Dindigul to the 30th Ultimo.

Caroor
22nd May 1799

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

letter of

My Dear Sir

I have received your Public & Private letter for both of which I thank you.

By the enclosed copies you will see I have availed myself of all that can be spared from hence for Kangyem.

I hope to be with you the 28th at furthest.

I thank you for noticing the conduct of Abdulkauder at Kangyem he was superseded three days since. I never saw a man so altered as his letters declared him he was certainly unworthy.

I have been obliged also to Charge the Tahsildar of Chengary Pulladum the one first sent being a thorough reward.

23rd May
1799

Yours &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

George Waddel Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

Your favor of the 19th I have just received for the enclosures I am very much obliged to you.

I do not apprehend Soobba Rao will return to Coimbatoor but under a very strong Cowle which I judge will be improper to send him in my letter of yesterday I mentioned having sent him an order to come

to

to me his coming or not is of little consequence and I would recommend that you order him in rather than wait either to see him or hear from him.

He has been the ruin of several Ryots who would not gratify his avarice and in making proposals to you tis most likely he consulted his own safety only.

He may be of use in discovering account but it will prove so much against himself by making such discovery that it is inconsistent with sense to suppose he will produce what are true.

My Tahsildars are now in Shu-kragherry Chengaray Pulladum Daraporam Kangyem Peruntora Erode Caroor & Arivarcourchee the 2d place is a short distance from Coimbatore. I mention this that no confusion may happen.

I shall be obliged by a copy of the proposals Soobbarow sent. I confess I think him much more deserving of punishment than favor if he wrote to you as Dewan the truth is he is head Sheristadar to the Asif dary of Hussenabad or Danagancotta the Asifs are Syed Muctoom and Shaik Ali Coimbatoor is a Talook included in this Assifdary but as the asifs went away I suppose he has claimed an authority existing only on their absence with which he is trying to impose.

I shall be obliged to you for every information as often as possible.

I shall be at Daraporam on the 28th in my route to the westward but whether on the S west or western Border I have not determined as it must depend on circumstances that then may exist.

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Caroor
23rd May 1799 }

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Captain P. W. Gepp
&ca. &ca.

Sir

From information just received I learn the peons who were seven days since detached to Kangyem to relieve a party of Tondimans instead of going thither as ordered retired to their own Villages in consequence of which that post is nearly empty.

I have therefore to beg the favor of you to detach a Jemadar party to that post with orders to Garrison the fort with it. They shall be reinforced with thirty of the trained Sibbendy who will be ordered to receive the Jemedar's orders.

Caroor
23rd May 1799 }

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

George Waddel Esquire
&ca. &ca.
Coimbatoor

Sir

On receiving letter today from the Tahsildar of Shashragerry covering letter from the Poligar of Delli of which the enclosed is Copy, it struck me that you were not acquainted with the Poligars who had received Cowle from me by orders of the Supreme Government that no mistake may occur from the interference of your people with those under my authority. I send you the list of those who have received and acknowledged my Cowle.

Date of Cowle 28th March

Godi-
Perupetty - - - - - - - Do. } the whole of that
Olangavaddy - - - - - - - Do.

Mungalum	Date of Cowle 28th March	These Pollams are within six Gurries of the Pulney District.
Navaudy	Do.	
Matraty	Do.	
Talicare Kistnapoorum	Do.	

To several others Viz^t. Cunamboo
Nagamum
Auselapetty
Canatocadum
Shomenotora
Ramapatam
Oot Culli
Pillachee – I did not send Cowle because they were assumed parti=cularly under the Sultaun's Government and I did not think it right to try their temper if let loose on those they might consider their ene=mies and this because I was especially enjoined by Government General to suffer no attachments that might bring in their consequences a predatory warfare.

The Perapetty Mungalum, and Nagamum Poligars have generally lived with the Veerapatchee Poligar. Niwaddy has lived quietly on the borders of Pulney.

Major Ramney may probably ere this have informed you of my requisition on him for Troops in consequence of the orders of Government General it would appear that you intended proceeding to Danakancotta with your escort this, I have to request of you not to do because it would very much weaken us on our strength here and because a strong detachment from the Army has been already ordered by Governor General into these Countries which I think may be now on it's way through the Gudgerhatty.

I yesterday informed you of the places where my Tahsildars were established and what then occurred to me respecting Soobraw. I am very anxious to hear from you on the state of Coimbatoor &ca. Talooks. I shall be at Darapoorum on the 28th.

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1 April /56
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Arevaracoorchee
May 24th 1799

I have &ca
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

The following will probably be found the best route and the best stages for our Tappal Peons—

		Cusries	
From Darapoorum to	Venasapetty	5	1 Peon
	Murdoor	4	1 Do
	Pereapetty	5	2 Do
	Vedumpetty / Cullapetty	5	2 Do
	Davarumpollam	5	2 Do
	Wadasapollam	5	2 Do
	Nuddapore	6	1 Do
	Allecottaloo	5	1 Do
	Parah	6	1 Do
	Paulghaut	6	1 Do

Should any thing occur to you pray mention it is so soon as possible—

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue
Sir

Herewith I have the honor of transmitting the annual Statement &ca. of the District under my management—

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Aravarcourchee
May 24th 1799

Dear Sir

Mr. Hughes shall have four thousand Pagodas by the next Month— but the Dindigul Treasury will not be able to give you one cash—

At Dindigul there will no collections until November after next Month the Collections from the Poligars in July will not answer the current charges

I hope to have about 7000 Rupees from the Caroor Province which you shall have by the

the 10th also - the other provinces will afford - nothing more than the supplies drawn from them - the Sibbendy of them falls to be paid from the Dindigul Cutcharee hence its lowness - Mr. Hughes however had 94000 Pagodas to the end of April he has with the advances for the bullocks &ca. supplies completely drained me.

The Receipts Bonds &ca. accounts shall be sent you tomorrow - together with an account of the gonies & money advanced to Captain Gepp -

Arwarcourchee }
24th May 1799 }

I am &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

B. Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca.

My Dear Sir

The Subedar here & his party and also the party at Gerracottah not having received any pay for April - and all being much distressed I have advanced them equal to their pay for April I have the Subidars receipt & when we meet we can settle the account - I have also advanced my own guard 24 Star Pagodas on account -

Arwarcourchee }
24th May 1799 }

Very truly &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Benjamine Torin Esquire
Tanjore

Sir

I have the pleasure of transmitting the registers, and copies of Receipts and bonds of the bullocks Maistries for the supplies of draft and carriage Cattle made over to you from Dindigul.

The Certificate of muster from those sent with Colonel Brown's Detachment, I have already transmitted for the first division Viz 1900 sent

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to Caroor Mr. Ravenshaw I believe sent the Muster Certificates for the 2d. Division Viz. 519 I will send the Muster Certificate so soon as it arrives here.

I have entered into more detail in the registers shewn is expressed in the form and this that every thing might be clear which would not be, was the form to be observed the numbers on the left express reference to the receipts & bonds as sent

No. 4 is the Cost of the Gonies sent and made — there are about 500 more at Errode I could wish to know whether you would desire more should be made.

No. 5 is an abstract account of all advances made on your account for each Item of which I request the favor of your bills in tripplicate for the amount advanced to Captain Gepp. I beg the favor of you to make a distinction "as Cash received from the Collector of the Conquered Countries South of the Cauvary" as this Cash was advanced from the Caroor Treasury.

I trust all will be found satis-factory in which hope
I have the pleasure to subscribe myself —

Sir
Yours &ca.
/Signed/ T B Hurdis
Collr.

Arruwarcourchee
27th May 1799

Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

I have your favor of the 24th; my letter of the 24th will in this have informed you of what Can I do for Mr. Hughes the account surplus Cash you shall have by the 5th before that time tis impossible as the Talook Treasury accounts do

do not arrive until the 3rd & 4th

Mr Hughes has stated correctly that I have been hitherto enabled to supply him regularly with cash - but he must not expect it now as he has drawn within the last eight months - as much as he used to do in a year before.

You may be assured every cash shall be spared to him that possibly can be.

In future be so good to address your letter to Dindigul as I go from hence to Dharapoorum tomorrow evening and thence towards Coimbatoor my own tappals will convey every letter speedily & safely via Dindigul.

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

Arrwarcourchee
27th May 1799

William Petrie Esquire
President &ca Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentleman

I have the honor of forwarding estimate of Tuccavy for the Dindigul Province for Fusly 1209 and by your sanction to the advances.

The season has been and continues to be uncommonly unfavourable.

The works estimated last year in tanks Nullahs & Anakts, are yet incomplete - this owing to no want of exertion - but in some places to a want of Wuddavours and Stone Masons - the estimate for such new works as may be necessary during the present Fusly shall be forwarded so soon as possible. My absence from Dindigul has made delay unavoidable.

I have &ca
(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

Arrwarcourchee
27th May 1799

Estimate of Tuccavy for the Talooks &ca. of the Din=
=digul Province for Fusly 1209.

Tahsildar	Talooka	Tookry		Total	Grand Total
		Ps. - f. - C			
Goindrow	Dindigul	857 - 5 - 11	1st	1028 - 20 - 46	
	Goodum	57 - 5 - 12			
	Gerecotta	114 - 10 - 23			
Abdulcauder	Percacolum	800 - " - "	2d	800 - " - "	
Trimulrow	Outampollum	457 - 5 - 12	3d	628 - 20 - 46	
	Cumbum	171 - 15 - 34			
Nuttum Cawn	Buttagoonta	285 - 25 - 57	4th	600 - " - "	
	Nellacotta	249 - 25 - 57			
	Deodanaputty	64 - 20 - 46			
Venkat Row	Gerryadoo	400 - " - "	5th	857 - 5 - 12	
	Madoor	194 - 10 - 23			
	Shokumputty	154 - 10 - 23			
	Maranoot	80 - " - "			
	Pulliapanaigroor	28 - 20 - 46			
Hurry Row	Pylney	1028 - 20 - 45	6th	1085 - 25 - 56	
	Ruttiambadey	57 - 5 - 11			
				S Pagodas	5000 - " - "

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per.

My Dear Sir

Where the 519 Bullocks arrive and you have mustered them have the goodness to send me the certificate of muster - you need not mention to Mr. Torin that you mustered them - but simply that you have received so many from me on account of the supply to him for the amount advance to Vadagherra Rammanaig I believe about 145 Star Pagodas is due this I will thank you to ascertain & I will either send him the order for the money if he go with the Bullocks or pay him here in case of his return.

Be so good as to put the accom=
=panying letters in the Trichinopoly Tappal - if you will have the goodness to send the Chits I will send you an order for the cash.

Pray

Pray give my love to Tom -

I am &ca

Arrwarcourchee
27th May 1799

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

My Dear Sir

With the best intention in the world you have done wrong in sending the register & muster to Mr Torin - You were obliging me by mustering & marking the bullocks - but the register & muster Certificate must necessarily come to me as Voucher to my account. I have therefore to beg the favor of you to recall them and to be kind enough to send them to me -

The register of them sent to Mr Torin Yesterday with the receipt &ca of course as sending another will make it appear as if you had provided them the mistake however is easily rectified - with love to Tom -

I am &ca

Arrwarcourchee
28th May 1799

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
Resident Tanjour

Sir

I am favored with yours of the 27th Instant.

Nine hundred and ninety two of the Bullocks you mention arrived here this morning from Madura - two died on the roads -

I shall despatch them to Trichinopoly on the morning of the 31st as the scarcity of water here is likely become serious -

I am &ca

Dindigul
29th May 1799

(Signed) T B Hurdis
Collr

Captain

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Captain Malcolm Macgregor
Commanding Erroad

Sir

Having appointed Bheem Raw Tahsildar of Undyoor it is probable he may need the assistance of some sepoys to bring the Talook in order and this on account of the trouble with Coomaravella gour and others, who very much annoy that part of the Country as well as Parun-dara & Ootenli. I have directed Bheem Raw to make application to you and I have to request of you to supply him with such guards as you may deem necessary.

The Tahsildar of Erroad has written me that you have ordered him to measure the grain & gram he is laying in by the Company's Marcal. This until a delivery takes place from me to the Commissary to the Army or any person by him appointed is necessary and even then the measure-ment is easily found by the proportion between the Country measures and the Company's — the trial of which was made before Mr. Hawkins people in the event of any delivery being necessary to him and they have the particular account of the proportion each bears to the other.

The Tahsildar is directed to lay in a specific quantity this is expressed in the Country measurement and as these supplies are made by me to the Depot ordered by Government and the account of them regularly rendered to me there is no necessity for your taking any trouble in the business or for the interference of any other description of people than those ordered by me and I have to request of you to give orders that all such inter-ference may cease.

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On the grain or gram that may be sent into the fort I have to beg the favor of you to place a guard that none may be taken away.

Lest the Tahsildar should not have peons enough to take care of the sheep & Cattle as collected from the Country for the use of the army I have to request the favor of you on his application only to assist him with a few of Sondi-man's peons.

Any thing that may occur to you as a proper mode for securing the supplies I shall be obliged by your communicating to me that the Tahsildar may receive my orders thereon as his receiving any order from you may probably clash with what he may have received from me and thence impede the service we may be desirous of furnishing.

I have &ca

Arwarcourchee }
29 May 1799 }

(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

To Captain Trotter
Commanding Dindigul

Sir

Be pleased to order a Havildar's guard to be ready tomorrow morning at gunfire to escort bullocks for the army to Trichinopoly.

I am &ca

Dindigul }
30 May 1799 }

(signed) T. G. Ravenshaw
Assist. Collr.

Lieutenant Mackonochee
Coimbatoor

Sir

This will be delivered to you by Bheem row Head Sheristadar of my Cutcherree

whom

whom I have sent to collect supplies &ca. for Colonel Brown's detachment which will be at Coimbatoor on the 5th & I shall if possible be there on the 4th in the mean time I have to request the favor of you to afford every assistance to the Tahsildar in the Collection of the supplies and in the bringing the Talook into order—

Mr. Waddell under date 22d. Instant informed me of the orders you had received the notes of introduction the gour have from Mr. Waddell they need not stay to deliver as their presences in their Villages to secure the supplies will be necessary. I have directed Bheem Row to order them to their Villages and direct their obedience to the Tahsildars already appointed. I will trouble you to receive their notes and to render such assistance as may be necessary to enforce the order.

I have &ca.

Darapoorum 31st May 1799 } (Signed) J B Hurdis Collr.

Major Kenny
Commanding Trichinopoly

Sir

The Bearer has charge of nine hundred and ninety two (992) draught & Carriage Bullocks for the service of the Army, which I am desired by the Resident at Tanjour to consign to you.

I am Sir

Dindigul 31st May 1799 } (Signed) J. G Ravenshaw Assist. Collr.

George Waddel Esquire

Sir

My letter of the 24th will have adviced you of the Poligars &ca. under my Cowle and my previous one of the establishment of several Tahsildars.

I am now favored with your letter of the 22d. from Coimbatore. I could have wished you had transmitted me a list of the persons who have received your Cowle since I find it difficult to carry on my business without fear of confusion which always attends the granting of a double Cowle. Your proclamation & summons have already caused impression for having extended them over the Coimbatore considered as an Hindoo Province they have gone into many parts where my cowle had been previously sent. Viz into the Talooks that Composed part of the Coimbatoor Province and in which tahsildars had been sent, and now are.

To avoid any further confusion I have to beg the favor to send me the lists so soon as possible and to issue no more orders for the assembly of the Gours. and this because Government General have committed the assumption of the Countries below the Ghauts to my care under date 13th Instant in concert with the Commanding Officers. Your not being acquainted with the orders of Government General to me caused your exertions in the Public Service on the propositions of Soobah Row and hence the little confusion that has ensued.

Of my opinion of that Bramin you are in possession. I enclose you a letter from him in answer to my order whence & by what you have received from him you will judge of the propriety of his conduct.

I shall be myself at Coimbatoor on the 4th and as I have accounts of the detachment from the grand army at Nanjanagoody

which

which under Colonel Brown will be then most probably on the fifth I have detached my Head Sheristadar and others of the Cutcharee to which such supplies as may be necessary—

I have given him a letter to Lieutenant Mackenzie whom I have requested to give the Seristadar such assistance as may be necessary in the execution of his duty—

Your favor of the 24th I have just received and tho I should be very happy to have the pleasure of personal Communication with you at Coimbatoor yet as there are no matters of business which we cannot discuss by writing & your presence appearing necessary in the northern parts of Malabar I fear I must not expect the pleasure—

Since writing the above I have information from the Tahsildar of Chengay Pulladum that in consequence of the double Cowle the inhabitants are much divided as to whom they ought to obey— A Tahsildar from Aravacourchee was despatched to Chayoor on the 28th I find no Tahsildars or people to arrange are detached by you— this will be the cause of much confusion as the greater gours are now collecting from the lesser and they will pay no attention to my order by proclamation that cannot be enforced I have therefore to request the favor of you to direct that the gours whom you called on to obey your orders may now be obedient to mine, and the more so as Colonel Brown's detachment

detachment will be at Danagancotta almost as soon as you will get this & detachments of my Sibbendy have proceeded with the Tahsildars to keep quiet in those Districts to which I have appointed -

I have &ca
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Darapooram
31st May 1799

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster &ca. &ca. Madura

Sir

By desire of the Officer Commanding Dindigul in September last I placed in the stores of that garrison a variety of wet provision which in February last received sanction of the Military Board, with orders for the quantity to be received on the books of the garrison - as I have not heard from you on the subject. I apprehend it may have escaped you to send me Bills on the Military Paymaster General for the amount which I have to request may be done by return of Tappal -

I have &ca
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Darapoorum
1st June 1799

John B Travers Esquire

Sir

I have the pleasure to send you Register of Bill for May 1799 & Estimate of Probable receipts & disbursements for the Current Month -

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Pulladum
near Coimbatoor
3d June 1799

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George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir
Enclosed you will receive Duplicate of the Estimate for Probable receipts and disbursements for June 1799.

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Coimbatore
June 3rd 1799

Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir
I have the pleasure of sending Estimates of Probable Surplus Cash at the end of June at the same time I have to apprize you that I do not think the expected receipts will be realized within the Month owing to the uncommon of the season

I have to beg the favor of bills as soon as possible for the sums specified in the account sent you the 27th May as I wish to enter it in my accounts the bills I shall be glad to receive in Triplicate according to order

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Coimbatore
3rd June 1799

Lieutenant James
Acting Fort Adjutant

Sir
I have the pleasure to enclose bill for 30 Pagodas for the subsistence of the late Poligar of Pulney for June I beg the favor of a receipt

I am &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Pulladum
3rd June 1799

Lieutenant Mackonschee
&ca. &ca.

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Sir

Sir

As Major Lindsay's detachment is not meant to relieve you at present as it cannot afford an Officer to any party I have to request the favor of you to remain with your party until Colonel Brown directs an Officer to relieve you Colonel Brown may be expected hourly.

Coimbatoor 5 June 1799 (Sd) J B Hurdis Collr

Sepoy Perasuram. Crime against Shaik Sakmaun invalid Havildar stationed at Nellacottah
For allowing Nellagarmen and Veerappen two prisoners under his charge to make their escape on the 1 June 1799. The same crime against Perasuram being invalid Sepoy on duty when the Prisoners escaped from the guard.

To Captn Trotter

Sir Should the Havildar & Sepoy above named be found guilty of the Crime stated, you will be pleased to order such punishment to be inflicted on them as in such cases may be customary.

I am &ca

Nellacotta } 7 June 1799 } (Signed) I G Ravenshaw Asst Collr

John Travers Esquire &ca &ca

Sir

I have the honor to send the demand Collection & Balance of the District under my charge for May 1799.

I have &ca

Coimbatoor } 9 June 1799 } (Signed) J B Hurdis Collr

Dear Sir

I have your favor of the 1st I received here on the 7 I got here on the 4 and I am happy to tell you things are going on well.

I met Colonel Brown with a very small detachment at Goodaloor whether I rode from hence to him more than half the

troops

troops with all Cavalry have been taken from him -

Major James in answer to my letter of the 17th apprized me - "it would not be advi-"zable to reduce the strength of this garrison "more than has been done already of which the "Governor General in Council and the Officer "Commanding the Carnatic are fully apprized - "the troops are week on duty without relief & "I am unable to answer, the calls of the Collec=tors of this District and furnish the frequent escorts required from this garrison.

Had I known Government had written to you I would have communicated with you sooner the business is now over -

I shall be obliged by your sending me bills for the sums specified in the Abstract sent you from Arwarcourchee on the 27th Ultimo as I Cannot Complete my accounts without the Vouchers and my Demand Collection & Balance has been much delayed in con-sequence of the want of them - I send you Copy of the Abstract again lest you should have mislead the other - and beg you will be so good as to hand me the bills -

Mangalore Decla & the Coast is in our possession -

Very truly &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr

B. Torin Esquire
&ca &ca
10 June 1799

John Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir
Herewith you will receive bill

dated

dated 11 June for Star Pags. 4000 — „ by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in favor of Revenue

I am &ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Coimbatoor
17th June 1799

Copy of this sent to Wool&

George Read Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

Accept herewith the accounts of the Dindigul Province under me for May 1799 —

I have &ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Coimbatoor
25th June 1799

William Petrie Esquire
President &ca. Members of the
Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I should earlier have had the honor of communicating to your Board the progress in arrangement of the conquered Provinces in Pullghaut committed to my management could I have afforded any satisfactory information but the state of the Districts until the return of a small part of the Detachment under Colonel Brown was such as to preclude the possibility of acquiring any sound knowledge of Revenue or other parts of the Civil administration of them.

The information I had obtained

and

and the Accounts of Raukhsheska or Fusly 1205 –
an abstract of which for the five divisions
of the Tullghaut with the Talook Barezy
of such as Composed each division – which
by means of my Peshcar I became possessed of
enabled me to fix with a sufficient degree
of precision to act upon the amount due
to the Sirkar as well as to detect the fal-
sity of such of the few Sirkar accounts as
accident threw in my way.

During the absence of the
Southern Detachment which left me at
Erroad on the 27th April I endeavoured as of
the first Consequence to arrange for the
preservation of the Countries we were possessed
of with the view of accelerating supplies
to the army rather than to make them
productive in Revenue but I did not neglect
the latter – and notwithstanding the abo-
minable Cruelties committed by the assifs
at & near Kangeyem the near loss of the
Post and the almost constant depredations
on the frontier of Pulney & Darapooram –
I found means to extend my Cutcharies –
pucka Magin / over all the unassumed Provin-
ces near Coimbatore & Suttamungle – in
which Districts the return of Colonel Browns
small parts has enabled me to establish them
and place every thing in train for investigation.

This object of this address to your
Board is not to enter into any detail but
simply to beg a Confirmation of the accompanying

Magen

Moyenzabitah - the appointment of two Assistants and an Engineer under my orders to prosecute a Survey of the Country unconnected with such serious any report I may be able to make must be defective.

The various sources of Revenue to be enquired into - the many translates of Shedules - the constant ——— & bitter Complaints against the Asifs & their Cutcharees to which I am obliged to give an attention which delays the information I am preparing for your Board - induces this request for assistance generally but as wish to be perfect as possible causes - My desire to have an Engineer to conduct the Survey and if my recommendation of an individual can be attended to - I beg leave to mention Lieutenant D'Haviland as a gentleman qualified both by science & zeal for the service in full confidence from the knowledge I have of him that he will accurately and speedily accomplish it.

The Total of the Moyenzabitah may perhaps appear great as there is no reference to any estimated Jumma this however I have not immediately fix - but I trust the amount will not exceed 7½ per Cent on the product of the first years management.

The hungama peons are simply entered on the Talooks each division should be attached to - they form no part of the Moyenzabitah and will be employed no longer than the want of regular troops may necessitate their service - In Danakancotta District however the continual irruption of

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the Nyer & other banditti from the Rajahs of Nellumboor Newalcotta & Malicotta Cotia=gury Pychee & Calicut have not only desolated the hill Talooks of Tondiman Meckenaur & Perum=danaur but during the contest with the Sultaun & since a large party of Nyer said to be the de=pendants of Nellumboor Nawelcotta and Cotiangany took possession of those tallooks and refused admission to the men sent with the Cowles, who were obliged to return wi=thout effecting the purpose for which they are sent

The Annamali Poligars also require very strong checks they have very much overrated their service and appear to extent as a re=ward full possession of what they are pleased to claim, without an examination of their claims taking place the Constant change of system under the Sultaun's Government involving every thing in confusion and the General dereliction of Office among the Sirkar Servants below the Ghauts (very few of whom have returned) favored their views detection might arise from the Examination of the Villagers but few of the Poligars prevented their speaking and those who came to Coimbatoor on the Cowle they had obtained from Malabar plundered even after their arrival several Villages around it of very considerable property.

The state of the Country above the Ghauts may perhaps make it impossible

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to detach a greater regular force to this Country than what Colonel Brown brought with him — fully efficient as that force collectively is to cause obedience it is insufficient in numbers to spread through the Country — & thence unable to give that stability to arrangement that should be derived from equal protection —

The quarrels of the Chief Govrs and the unhappy Consequences frequently resulting are only be kept under by an overawing force — it's presence would induce an appeal to the Cutcharee & be productive of good — it's absence an appeal to their own strength and the miserable effects of predatory warfare —

The recruiting Peons for enforcement of the Tahsildars authority and the preservation of few in the Districts independant of the Military experience has convinced me is of little avail — No service involving real danger can be derived from them, the only positive good is that so many by being in pay of the Sirkar are prevented joining the Marauding parties —

I have &ca
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Coimbatore
29 June 1799

Exd 29 April 1857.

	Total No. of Sections	Deduct Compared	Remaining to be Compared
Receiv.	58	"	58
Sending	28	6	22
	86	6	80

Moyenzabitah

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Moyenzabita or fixed Establishment of the Hoozoor Cutcharee & Talook Cutcharees in the Provinces committed to the Charge of Mr. Collector Hurdis

Cutcharees	Employment	Salary monthly S. Pgs. f. C.	Remarks
Hoozoor Cutchery	1 Peishcar	85 " "	
	1 Naib	30 " "	Hoozoor Establishment at the time Mr. Hurdis was in charge of the Dist.
	1 Seristadar	85 " "	
	Naib	25 " "	
	4 Goomastahs at 10 each	40 " "	
	4 Do. at 8 Do.	32 " "	
	4 Do. at 6 Do.	12 " "	
	1 Hindoovee Navees	10 " "	
	1 Assistant	7 " "	
	1 Arowee Navees	10 " "	
	1 Assistant	7 " "	
	1 Urbar	10 " "	
	2 Conicoplies at 5 Ps. each	10 " "	
	1 Shroff	6 " "	
	1 Assistant	4 " "	
	1 Treasurer	10 " "	
	12 Hircarahs each 1½ Str. Pags.	18 " "	
	1 Head Hircarah	2 " "	
	2 Head Delloyets each 2 Str. Pags.	4 " "	
	60 Delloyets each ½ Str. Pags.	90 " "	
	2 Massaljee each 1½ Str. Pags.	3 " "	
	1 Sweeper	1 " "	
	1 Rucktaun	1	
	English Cutcharee		
	1 Writer	25 " "	
	1 Do.	20 " "	
	2 Do. at 15	30 " "	
	3 Do. each 10 Str. Ps.	30 " "	
	Moochee	2 " "	
		607 " "	
Amil Caroor	1 Tahsildar	30 " "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 " "	

Catcharies	Employment	Salary Monthly Lt Pgs — f — c	Remarks
	2 Goomastahs at 5 each	10 — .. — ..	
	2 Do at 4 each	8 — .. — ..	
	1 Royasum	3 — .. — ..	
	1 Shroff	2 — .. — ..	
	1 Gollah ..	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars Rs 5 each	3 — .. — ..	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter at 3 ½ Rupees	41 — .. — ..	
	1 Mafsalgee	1 — .. — ..	
	1 Jaudamalle	.. — 33 — 60	
		108 — .. — ..	
	1 Cutwal	3 — .. — ..	
	1 Tom Tom Man	1 — .. — ..	
	3 Peons	3 — .. — ..	
		7 — .. — ..	
Dewanntooky Carour	1 Tahsildar	25 — .. — ..	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — .. — ..	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 Rs each 1 at 3	14 — .. — ..	
	1 Royasum	3 — .. — ..	
	1 Shroff	2 — .. — ..	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — .. — ..	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 — .. — ..	
	1 Mafsalgee	1 — .. — ..	
	1 Sweeper	.. — 33 — 60	
		100 — .. — ..	
Arrwarcour-chee	1 Tahseeldar	25 — .. — ..	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — .. — ..	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 Rs one at 4 Rs	14 — .. — ..	
	1 Royasum	3 — .. — ..	
	1 Shroff	2 — .. — ..	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — .. — ..	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 — .. — ..	
	1 Mafsalgee	1 — .. — ..	
	1 Sweeper	.. — 33 — 60	
		101 — .. — ..	

Catcharee	Employment	Salary Monthly SP. F. C	Remarks
Cluseb Darapoor	1 Tahsildar	30 " "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 " "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5, 2 at 4 each	18 " "	
	1 Royasem	3 " "	
	1 Shroff	2 " "	
	1 Gollah	1 11 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 " "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 " "	
	1 Masaalgee	1 " "	
	1 Sweeper	" 33 60	
		130 " "	
Deween Darapoor	1 Tahsildar	30 " "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 " "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 & 2 4 each	18 " "	
	1 Royasem	3 " "	
	1 Shroff	2 " "	
	1 Gollah	1 11 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 " "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 " "	
	1 Masaalgee	1 " "	
	1 Sweeper	" 33 60	
		130 " "	
Kangyum	1 Tahsildar	30 " "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 " "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 & 1 at 4 each	14 " "	
	1 Royasum	3 " "	
	1 Shroff	2 " "	
	1 Gollah	1 11 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 " "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 " "	
	1 Masaalgee	1 " "	
	1 Sweeper	" 33 60	
		125 " "	
Erroad	1 Tahsildar	35 " "	
	1 Sheristadar	15 " "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 & 2 at 3 each	16 " "	

Catcharees	Employment	Salary Monthly SP – f – C	Remarks
	1 Royasum	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — " — "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 — — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — —	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 60	
		138 — " — "	
	1 Cutwal	3 — " — "	
	1 Tom Tom Man	1 — " — "	
	3 Peons	3 — " — "	
		145 — " — "	
Shakra=gherry	1 Tahsildar	25 — " — "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 1 at 4 each	14 — " — "	
	1 Royasum	3 — — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — " — "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 — " — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — " — "	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 60	
		121 — " — "	
Chenjary Pulladum	Tahsildar	25 — " —	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 and 1 at 4	14 — " —	
	1 Royasum	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — — "	
	50 Peons & 1 trumpeter	51 — " — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — " —	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 66	
		111 — " — "	
Permatoor	1 Tahsildar	25 — " —	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 & 1 at 3 each	13 — " —	
	1 Royasum	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	

Catcharees	Employment	Salary Monthly R. f. c.	Remarks
	1 Gollah	1 – 11 – 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 – " – "	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 – " – "	
	1 Massalgee	1 – – "	
	1 Sweeper	" – 33 – 60	
		100 – " – "	
Ootcalo	1 Tahsildar	20 – " – "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 – " – "	
	2 Goomastahs at 5 each	10 – " – "	
	1 Royasum	3 – " – "	
	1 Shroff	2 – " – "	
	1 Gollah	1 – 11 – 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 – – "	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 – " – "	
	1 Massalgee	1 – – "	
	1 Sweeper	" – 33 – 60	
		92 – " – "	
Undoor & Cawari=poorum	1 Tahsildar	40 – " – "	
	1 Sheristadar	15 – – "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 2 at 3	16 – " – "	
	1 Royasum	3 – " – "	
	1 Shroff	2 – " – "	
	1 Gollah	2 – " – "	
	2 Duffadars	3 – " – "	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 – " – "	
	1 Massalgee	1 – " – "	
	1 Sweeper	" – 33 – 60	
		123 – " – "	
Auel Suttar=mungalam	1 Tahsildar	35 – " – "	
	1 Sheristadar	15 – – "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 2 at 3 each	16 – " – "	
	1 Royasum	3 – – "	
	1 Shroff	2 – " – "	
	1 Gollah	1 – 11 – 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 – " – "	
	50 Peons & 1 trumpeter	51 – " – "	

Catcharees	Employment	Salary Monthly S.P. - f - C	Remarks
	1 Massalgee	1 — " — "	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 - 60	
		128 — " — "	
Deuem Sattamun-galem or Goparity Pollam	1 Tahsildar	35 — " — "	
	1 Sheristadar	15 — " — "	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 2 at 3	16 — " — "	
	1 Royasem	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — " — "	
	40 Peons & 1 trumpeter	41 — " — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — " — "	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 60	
		118 — " — "	
Auel Chayoor	1 Tahsildar	35 — " — "	
	1 Sheristadar	15 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 1 at 3	13 — " — "	
	1 Royasum	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — " — "	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61 — " — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — " — "	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 60	
		135 — " — "	
Deuem Chayoor	1 Tahsildar	30 — " — "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 1 at 3	13 — " — "	
	1 Royasum	3 — " — "	
	1 Shroff	2 — " — "	
	1 Gollah	1 — 11 — 20	
	2 Duffadars	3 — " — "	
	50 Peons & 1 trumpeter	51 — " — "	
	1 Massalgee	1 — " — "	
	1 Sweeper	" — 33 — 60	
		128 — " — "	
Danagan-coitta	1 Tahsildar	30 — " — "	
	1 Sheristadar	10 — " — "	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 - 1 at 3	13 — " — "	

Catcharee	Employment	Salary Monthly S.P.	f	c	Remarks
	1 Royasem	3	„	„	
	1 Shroff	2	„	„	
	1 Gollah	1	11	20	
	2 Duffadars	3	„	„	
	50 Peons & 1 trumpeter	51	„	„	
	1 Massalgee	1	„	„	
	1 Sweeper	„	33	60	
		115	„	„	
Avanassa	1 Tahsildar	40	„	„	
	1 Sheristadar	15	„	„	
	3 Goomastahs 2 at 5 1 at 3	13	„	„	
	1 Roysum	3	„	„	
	1 Shroff	2	„	„	
	1 Gollah	1	11	20	
	2 Duffadars	3	„	„	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61	„	„	
	Massalgee	1	„	„	
	Sweeper	„	33	60	
		140	„	„	
Coimbatoor	1 Tahsildar	40	„	„	
	1 Sheristadars	15	„	„	
	5 Goomastahs 3 at 5 - 1 at 4 - 1 at 3	22	„	„	
	2 Royasums	6	„	„	
	1 Shroff	2	„	„	
	1 Gollah	1	11	20	
	2 Duffadars	3	„	„	
	100 Peons & 1 trumpeter	101	„	„	
	1 Massalgee	1	„	„	
	1 Sweeper	„	33	60	
		192	„	„	
	1 Cutwal	3	„	„	
	1 Tom Tom Man	1	„	„	
	6 Peons	6	„	„	
		202	„	„	
Pollachee					
Shedapolliam	1 Tahsildar	30	„	„	
	1 Sheristadar	10	„	„	
	4 Goomastahs 2 at 5 2 at 4 Each	18	„	„	
	1 Royasum	3	„	„	
	1 Shroff	3	„	„	
	1 Gollah	1	11	20	
	2 Duffadars	3	„	„	
	60 Peons & 1 trumpeter	61	„	„	
	1 Massalgee	1	„	„	
	1 Sweeper	„	33	60	
		120	„	„	

Abstract Moyenzabitah

Hoozoor Catcharee & Tahsildars	Tahsildaries	Monthly pay	Annual
		Pg. f. c.	
	Hoozoor Moyenzabitah	572 " "	6864
Hunrow	Awur Caroor	115 " "	1380
	Devem Caroor	100 " "	1200
Govindrow	Arwarcourchee	100 " "	1200
Chinniahs	Awul Darapoor	128 " "	1536
	Devem Darapoor	128 " "	1536
Shashiah	Hangyem	125 " "	1500
Kistniah	Erroad	145 " "	1740
Hurry Row	Shakragherry	115 " "	1380
Kisn Row	Chenjary Pulladum	110 " "	1320
Sooliah	Perumtora	100 " "	1200
Reddy Row	Ootenli	92 " "	1104
Bheem Row	Undioor and Cawaripoorum	123 " "	1476
Narrain Row	Sattamungle	128 " "	1536
	Goposetty Pollam	118 " "	1416
Kisn Row	Chayoor	135 " "	1620
	Auravalloor	125 " "	1380
Baba Row	Danaganeotta	115 " "	1380
Bheem Row	Coimbatoor	202 " "	2424
Shashiah	Pillachee	143 " "	1716
Bojungrow	Avanafsee	140 " "	1680
		3049 " "	36588

Hungaumee Sibbendy

Hangyem	Pg.
One Jemedar	4
Three Duffedars	6
150 Peons	150
	160

So soon as this fort is established as a Command which is absolutely necessary the Peons may be dispensed with—

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Shakragherry

	Pags.
One Jemidar - - - - - - - - -	4
Three Duffadars at 2 Each - - -	6
150 Peons - - - - - - - - - - - -	150
	160

These Peons are very necessary to Check the hill banditti Luckia Naigue & Cauder the jungles are favorable to the robbers and have been many years sinking places for robbers & depredators of every description -

Undioor

2 Duffadars - - - - - - - - - -	4
100 Peons - - - - - - - - - - -	100
	104

These Peons are necessary for the present only when the troops for the part of the Tullghaut may be fixed - they will be withdrawn -

Danagancotta

One Resauldar - - - - - - - -	10
2 Jemidars at 5 - - - - - - -	10
10 Duffadars at 2 each	20
500 Peons - - - - - - - - - - -	500
	540

These Peons are very likely to be a regular Charge - as they are for the garrisoning Todiman - Mokenaur & Perundanaur to preserve those Districts and the Country under the hills from the depredations of the Myer under the different Rajahs men tioned in my letter -

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Pillachee

One Jemidar	- - - - - - - - - - -	Pags 5
4	Duffadars - - - - - - - - -	8
200	Peons - - - - - - - - - - -	200
		213

this place is surrounded by the Annamalli Poligar and 1 Company of Sepoys with an Officer should be stationed here - in that Case - the Peons will be unnecessary - and the means of restraint on the Poligars more efficient - this however is not the only good resulting the keeping re=gulars is a less expense to Government - as the difference on the Establishment would be little more than the difference of Batta to the Commanding Officer - Whilst the advantages in affording protection to the Country are infinitely superior & this ob=servation applies to Hanguem &ca. places in which Sibbendy are at present kept -

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster &ca. &ca.
Madura

Sir

Your favor of the 4th June in reply to my letter of the 1st June would not have remained so long unanswered could I have put my hand on the paper of which the enclosed No. 1 is Copy.

At the time of laying in the provisions they were surveyed reported, on & certified "by the "Officer Commanding according to the regu=lations, that the prices charged are the lowest "and most reasonable terms" - and this report & Survey were sent to the Military Board - with papers of general detail (Vide No. 2) whence you will perceive the cost &ca. of them by Lieut. Colonel

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Colonel Brown to whom in answer came the letter of which No. 1 is copy and from which you will perceive a warranty sufficient to pass your bills to me for S. Pagodas three hundred & forty six twelve and three quarters cash S.Pag.s 346 — " — 12¾ which I will be obliged by your doing before the 13th Instant, that the amount may come into the year it belongs to.

I have &ca.

Coimbatore }
3d. July 1799 }

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Coll.r

Drummond Esquire
Paulghaut

Sir

Having appointed Appenah Moodeliar Sayer Renter throughout the Coimbatoor Province and Ram Row Renter of the Sayer of Pillachee and understanding the ... &ca. refuse payment of the Customs according to the Teerwa Dittem I have to beg the favor of your interference to cause such of the Merchants as may belong to the Collection under you to pay their dues and to send such of those on whom there may be claims & who belong to either of the Provinces of Pullghaut under me to the Cutcheree at Coimbatoor —

I have &ca.

Coimbatoor }
3d. July 1799 }

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Coll.r

John Travers Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the pleasure of Inclosing Estimate of Probable Receipts & disbursements for

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for the Current Month and register of Bills trans- mitted in June.

Coimbatoor 4th July 1799 } I am &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

In Apology for delay of the Probable Estimate of Receipts & disbursements &ca. I have to inform you that my two last Private Tappals from Dindigul have been plundered the delay occasioned by this shall be rectified by the transmission of Copies as soon as possible.

I have &ca.

Coimbatore 7th July 1799 } (signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

T Warden Esquire
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir

The great scarcity of grain in this Country and the Embargo laid on the exportation of rice from Paulghaut is very likely to be of serious consequences. I have therefore to beg that the exportation of grain may be allowed as usual and that if no Extraordinary cause operates in opposition to my request you would be good enough to direct the custom Collections on no account whatever to stop it in future.

I have &ca.

Coimbatore 24th July 1799 } (signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

William Hawkins Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

As it is my wish to relieve my treasury as much as may be consistent with the

provision

11 Letters in page 19 dated res- pectively 5 - 5 - 8 - 12 14 - 21 - 22 22 - 22 - & 24 July 1799 are eaten by white ants & not fit to be copied -

provision for August and September for Madura Paymaster I have to inform you that I can advance for your disbursement independant of that reservation thirty thousand Portnovo Pagodas which I shall be obliged by your receiving so soon as possible as my Cutcharee will move from this place in a very few days.

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Coll.

Coimbatoor
28th July 1799

Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing the 1st of a sett of bills in Triplicate No. 9 dated 21st July by the Madura Paymaster for St. Pagodas 4000 being the amount issued on your account from the Dindigul Treasury these bills being made payable to you or order I have to beg you will send me by return of tappal your own bills in triplicate for the Amount in favor of the Board of Revenue.

I have great pleasure in telling you that independant of giving Mr. Paymaster Hawkins twenty thousand Pagodas this Month I shall I trust be able to provide for the Madura Paymaster for August September and October from the Collection of the conquered Countries I have not an English Writer with me to make a Statement but so soon as may be possible I'll send one but at all events you may calculate on Mr. Hughes receiving 5000 St. Pags. per Month and more if I can manage it and of which you shall be daily advised

I have &ca.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Coll.

Coimbatoor
28th July 1799

Robert Hughes Esquire
&c. &c. &c.

Sir

I have the pleasure of informing you that I shall be able to give you four thousand S Pag^s. on the 1st August in Coins and in the course of a few days one thousand more — I think you may calculate on five thousand per Month for September & October from the Collections of the conquerred Countries of which however I'll advise you in due time.

I have &c.

Coimbatoor 28th July 1799 } (Signed) J B Hurdis
Coll^r.

William Hawkins Esquire
&c. &c.

Sir

The Collection of the conquered Contries being well in and it being my wish to save as much trouble and risk as possible in the transmission of Cash to Dindigul and thence to Tanjore, as well as to avoid confusion from the Multiplicity of coins which it might be indispensably necessary to issue for the Military disbursements, I have to request of your Indent from me at this place granting me receipts or bills in Triplicate in Mr. Torin's name for the sum you may receive.

I have &c.

Coimbatoor 28th July 1799 } (Signed) J B Hurdis.
Coll^r.

J B Travers Esquire
&c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing Indent for

for Stationary and to request that either immediate Compliance may be made with it or that you will obtain permission for my purchasing such supply as may be absolutely necessary I have not one of that in my Cutcharee.

I have &ca.

Coimbatoor 29th July 1799

(signed) J. B. Hurdis Collr.

William Hawkins Esquire &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the pleasure of inclosing Invoice of Cash delivered to your shroff for which I will thank you for receipts in Mr. Lorins name

I have &ca.

Coimbatoor 31st July 1799

(signed) J B Hurdis Collr.

Invoice of Cash advanced to Mr. Paymaster Hawkins 30th July 1799

New Portonovo Pags. twenty three thousand three hundred and fifty four & Country fanams 37/64 at new Portonovo Pags. 118 Conty. fanams 1¼ per S Pags. is S Pags. Nineteen thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Myly fanams 28 Cash 30

N. P. N. Po. 23354 - - 9¾ or S Pags. 19770 - 28 - 30

E. E. Ho.

Coimbatoor July 30th 1799

(signed) J B Hurdis Collr.

John Ravenshaw Esquire Assistant Collector

Sir

According to the Enclosed Invoice you will receive Cash in coins in sixty six sealed bags contained in three sealed Gonies in a sealed tumbril the sealed key of which is with Captain Bruice for delivery to you.

Enclosure is wanted

On arrival of the Treasure you will

will apply to Major Lindsay to increase the guard at my Cutcharee to a Jemedar & Eighteen Sepoys taking care always to have two sentries over the Cash Chest.

Having emptied the Tumbril you will forward it with all appertinances Yokes &ca. &ca. to Trichinopoly and get a receipt from the Store keeper for it.

Hirn Rou My own four bullocks and the four peons who attend you will return to me.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Coll.r

Coimbatore
3rd August 1799

N B.

The sealed padlock on the iron Tumbril you will keep the padlocks of the iron tumbril are in the small box in front.

(signed) T B H.

Lieutenant James
Fort Adjutant &ca.
Trichinopoly

Sir

I have the pleasure of sending bill for 31 St Pag.s thirty one for the subsistence of Velloida Naigue late Poligar of Pulney.

I am &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Coll.r

Coimbatoor
5th August 1799

Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing Copy of receipts from Mr. Paymaster Hawkins No. 1. for P N P 23354 – 3/64 and No. 2 for P N Pag.s 370 – invoiced to him at the rate of 118 – 1.4 per. S Pag.s on the 30th July for which sums I have to beg the favor

favor of your bills in Triplicate on Government in favor of the Board of Revenue as Cash re-ceived from my Collections in the conquered Countries.

I have &ca.

5 Augt. 1799

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing the 1st of a sett of Bills in triplicate No. 12 dated 3d. August by the Madura Paymaster for Str. Pags. 4000 being the amount issued on your account from the Dindigul Treasury. These bills being made payable to you or order I have to beg you will send me by Return of Tappal your own bills in triplicate for the amount in favor of the Board of Revenue.

Not having received your bills in exchange for the one forwarded from Caim-batoor 28th July I beg to call your attention to my letter of that date and request the favor of the bills.

I have &ca.

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14th August 1799

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

John Travers Esquire
&ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of sending Estimate of probable Receipts & disburse-ments for the Current Month and register of bills for July the remark on which letter I beg to call your attention to

I am &ca.

Chayoor
17 August 1799

(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

N B

The bill for 4000 St. Pagodas was sent to the Resident at Tanjore from whom no receipt is yet come.

P.S. the reason of delay in the transmission of these accounts was that the Tappal from Dindigul to me had been plundered of the papers first sent.

(signed) T B Hurdis
Coll.r

John B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing bills by the Resident of Tanjour for S.Pag.s 4000 four thousand dated the 21st July 1799 on the Right Honorable the Governor General in favor of Revenue. This you will observe is the bill which ought to have been sent before 16 August the date of Mr. Assistant Irwins letter received the 21st Instant (and which I noticed to you in my letter of the 17th Instant from Chagur

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Coll.r

22d. August
1799

Robert Woolf Esquire
Accountant General &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor to send you copy of bills date 21st July 1799 for St. Pagodas 4000 from thousand by the Resident of Tanjour on the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Coll.r

Pillachee
22d. August
1799

To Benjamin Torin Esquire
&ca. &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting the 1st of a sett of bills No. 13 date 12th August for the Pagodas 200 for Cash issued on your account from my Treasury to the Madura Paymaster in exchange for which I have to request the favor of your bills on the Right Honorable the Governor General in Council so soon as possible.

Pillachee
22nd August 1799

I have &ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

John B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 27th July received the 3d Instant I have to request the favor of you to inform the Board that I do not think persons would be found to purchase Villages except in particular situations on the terms mentioned in your letter but I think the present jumma on the Sirkar Villages in the Dindigul District might be rendered permanent under the present head Inhabitants and the lesser ryots securing to each & every of them the property in soil they at present possess.

This opinion however on the general questions contained in your letter is founded on the security of property to the ryot I am fully satisfied no permanent System of Revenue can at present be introduced in a Country so liable to depredations as the Dindigul Province is from the scandalous want of order obtaining in the Madura Districts.

This affects the ryots property in the soil more than in any other instance whatever although it makes it insecure in all and it not only affects the ryot but is the

the positive Cause of a double loss of rent to the Sirkar besides an increase of expences in a numerous Sibbandy

The Establishment of order in the Madura Province but particularly in the Mellore & Aneoor gauts would in the end be the security of real & personal property to the Dindigul ryots and the means of rendering Revenue not only permanent but more productive than however under so improper a system as at present obtains can never be expected.

I Cannot close my letter without mentioning a circumstance just come to my knowledge from two different authorities - Viz that the Chinna Murdoo has rented of the Madura Manager the Auneoor gauts and that his (the Poligars) people have possession of them - how far the Poligar becoming an under Renter to the Nabobs people may appear proper to the Board I know not but I am well aware of the increase of difficulty in the preservation of property to the Dindigul ryots the participation of plunder between the Poligar & Collery is more liberal than between the Nabobs Amildars and those people and thence the plundering parties more numerous and irruptions more frequent

Pillachee
22d. August 1799

I am &ca.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

John Ravenshaw Esqr
Assistant Collector Dindigul

Sir

Your letter of the 19th Instant I have this moment received. You state that Captain Bruce having stated the

Tumbril

Tumbril & Bullocks to be wanting for the
public Service I at his request Returned them
to him with their appertinances Yokes &ca.

Had you referred to my letter
of the 3rd you would have seen that you
were directed to forward the said Tumbrils
to Trichinopoly and get a receipt from the
Storekeeper for it — this order was given to
you that no mistake might happen in
the returning the Tumbril to its proper
place Captain Bruce had nothing to do
with the Tumbril but to deliver it to
you nor were you nor should you be autho=
=rized to give it up to him you will therefore
on the receipt of this desire it may be di=
=rectly returned to you and you will on its
return act according to my order of the 3rd

Four Bullocks sent in assistance
it were my own private property these I trust
are returned with the Mutmady whom I
sent to superintend the Shroffing.

I have &ca.

Pillachee
23rd August 1799 } (signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Dear Sir

On receipt of this I have to
beg the favor of you to release Chinna
Vellum Condama Naique the representa=
=tive of the Mungalum Poligar the sum
due by that Poligar having been received
The others according to the list I gave
you on leaving Coimbatore I have to beg
you will safely detain until you hear
further

further from me.

Lt. Fireworker Hingsley
&c. &c. &c.

I am &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster Madura

Sir

Your favor of the 21st reached me here late last night. I have directed the advance of 6700 S Pags. the amount of your indent to be made to your Agent at Dindigul so soon as he has orders from you to receive it.

I have &c.
(Signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Columbum
27th August 1799

Sir

The enclosed are indents of rice supplied by me to the 1st Battalion 3 Regiment and its Public fallowing on the 14th Inst. the total Price of which Chucks 126 -- 8 - 16 C. one hundred and twenty six Chuckrums -- Eight Cully fanams and sixteen Cash, Captain Bruce the Commanding Officer assures me you will discharge, and he has endorsed the indents accordingly you will oblige me therefore by ordering your agent here to pay the amount to me.

I have &c.
(Signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

27th August 1799

Ld. 30 April 1877

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To J. G. Ravenshaw Esqr.
Assistt. Collr.

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To

I G Ravenshaw Esquire
Assistant Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir

Please to order the delivery of /6/ — Six days Rice to the undermentioned men of the 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment Native Infantry to Complete them to the 18th August inclusive.

	Serang	Tindal	Lascars	Dooly Maistry	Dooly Bearers	Bamboo Maistry	Bamboo Coolies	Total Number of Mens	Total Seers of Rice
Total	1	3	41	2	47	1	25	120	720

Seers of Rice Seven hundred twenty—

Camp at Dindigul
13th August 1799

August Andrews Lt.
1st Bn. 3rd Regiment
(signed) D Bruce Captn.
1st Bn. 3rd Regt.

Public followers

		Seers of Rice	Chs. f - C
Public followers Seers of Rice - Chs. - f. C 720 -	Tent Lascars	270 —	7 - 5 - "
	Dooly Bearers	294 —	8 - 1 - 26
	Bamboo Coolies	156 —	4 - 3 - 13
	Total	720 —	20 - " - "

To

Robert Hughes Esquire
Paymaster

Sir

Please to deduct from the Payment allowance of the Public followers the sum of twenty Cully Chuckrums which you will please to pay to Mr. Assistant Collector Ravenshaw at Dindigul—

(signed) D Bruce Captn.
Commdg. 1st Bn.

Camp at Dindigul
13th August 1799

To I G Ravenshaw Esqre

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To

J. G. Ravenshaw Esquire

Assistant Collector &c. &c.

Sir

Please to order the delivery of 6 days Rice to the undermentioned men of the 1st Battalion 3rd Regiment Native Infantry to complete them to the 18th August inclusive

Companies	Serjeant	Subidars	Jemidars	Havildars	Naigues	Drummers & Fifers	Puckallies	Tindal	Native Doctor	Boys	Sepoys	Total Number of Men	Seers of Rice	
1st Bn. Compy.	..	1	..	4	5	2	1	..	1	..	71	85	510	D Bruce Capt. Comdg.
2nd Ditto	2	..	1	5	5	2	1	..	..	..	72	88	528	Augt. Andrews Lt. Adjt.
3rd Ditto	..	..	..	4	4	2	1	..	..	..	58	69	414	Do.
4th Ditto	..	1	1	5	4	1	1	..	..	..	65	78	468	Wm. Smith Lt.
7th Ditto	..	1	1	5	5	2	..	..	..	..	70	84	504	Augt. Andrews Lt. Adjt.
8th Ditto	..	1	1	4	5	2	1	..	..	..	59	73	438	Do
2nd Grenadier	..	..	1	6	6	1	1	..	..	..	100	115	690	H Cranston Lt.
Adjutants Departments Artificers &c.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	32	..	49	294	Augt. Andrews Lt. & Adjt.
Total	2	4	5	33	34	12	6	1	1	32	495	641	3846	

Seers of Rice Three thousand Eight hundred & forty six

NB 16 Artificers not detailed in the above but included in the Total number of Men

(Signed) D Bruce Captn.
Comg. 1st Bn. 3rd Regt. N I

Camp at Dindigul
13th August 1799

	Seers	Cks. & Cs
1st Bn. Compy.	510	14 – 1 – 26
2nd Do.	528	14 – 6 – 26
3rd Do.	414	11 – 5 – ..
4th Do.	468	13 – .. – ..
7th Do.	504	14 – .. – ..
8th Do.	438	12 – 1 – 26
2nd Grenadiers	690	19 – 1 – 26
Adjutant Establishment	294	8 – 1 – 26
Total	3846	106 – 8 – 6

To

To Robert Hughes Esq.
Paymaster

Sir

On the next issue of pay & Batta to the 1st Bn. 3d. Regiment N. I Please to deduct from the Companies as above stated 106 Cully Chuckrums 8 fanams 16 Cash which you will please to pay to Mr. Assistant Collector Ravenshaw at Dindigul-

(Signed) D Bruce Captn. Comm.g
1st Bn. 3d. Regiment N.I

Camp at
Dindigul
14th August 1799

John Ravenshaw Esquire
Assistant Collector &ca. &ca.

Sir

Under Charge of Meer Behauder Aly Havildar One Naigue & twelve Sepoys I dispatch Treasure according to the enclosed invoice which I have to beg may be kept separate (as well as what has been sent before from Coimbatore & Caroor) from the Cash at the Dindigul Collections until further orders from me.

(signed) T B Hurdis

Cash in the Treasury to 27th August 1799

				Cont.y Curr.y	f	a		N Pag.s	f	a
N P N Pag.s	4585	at 10 Cont.y	Do	4585	..	..	at 11 13/16	3881	5	11
Old Ditto	448	at 9 27/32	Do	441	..	..	at Do	373	3	15
Bahd.r Ditto	57	at 13 1/8	Do	74	8	2	at Do	63	3	15
Shanar Cash	16	at 15	Do	24	..	..	at Do	20	3	12
Star Pags.	165	at 11 13/16	Do	194	9	1	at Do	165	..	..
Emary Ditto	2	at 13	Do	2	6	..	at Do	2	2	6
N Pg. Rupees	4539	at 3 9/16	Do	1617	1	8	at Do	1369	..	3
Old Ditto	2064	at 3 1/2	Do	722	4	..	at Do	611	6	9
Sultn. Do	2052 1/4	at 3 9/16	Do	731	1	2 1/4	at Do	618	11	1/4
Chalavany Do	1118	at 3 1/8	Do	349	3	12	at Do	295	9	1
Company Do	1336	at 3 1/2	Do	467	6	..	at Do	395	10	1
Soorut Do	190 1/2	at 3 7/16	Do	65	4	13 1/2	at Do	55	5	2 1/2
Arcot Do	74	at 3 1/2	Do	25	9	..	at Do	21	10	15
New Veeroy Chuckrums	1328-4-15 1/4	at 1 1/8 N V of per	Do	1180	8	12	at Do	999	8	1

Old

		N	Conty. Chs. f a		St Pags. f a
Old Veeroy Chms.	573-2-..	at 1¼ Old V of per 1 Do	458-5-13	at 11 13/16 f	388-2-9
Silver Fanams	61	" "	1-8-4½	at Do	1-6-7½
Gopauly Chs.	1-2-..	at 3 ½ f per Do	..-4-..	at Do	..-4-..
Contaroy Chs.	17-5-15		17-5-15	at Do	14-10-9
	Total Conty. Chms.		10960-6-¾	or Str Pags.	9278-9-13¼

N.B. Advanced the following Coins to Vencatakistna Moodelly from the above

N Pd. Rupees — 20
N Veeroy Chms. — 13
Str Pags. — 8

Captain J Simons
&ca &ca

Sir

I beg the favor of you to furnish such guards as you may deem sufficient to escort about ten thousand Str. Pags to Dindigul according to the invoice enclosed which I beg the favor of you to give to the Officer in Charge of the party with directions to deliver it to Mr. Assistant Collector Ravenshaw at the Cutcharee at Dindigul The keys of the Chest are enclosed sealed —

I have &ca
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Columbum
27th August 1799

Dear Sir

On receipt of this I have to beg the favor of you to release Chil Naigue of Soonganey the sum due by him having been received the others according to the list I gave you on leaving Coimbatore I have to beg you will safely detain until you hear further from me —

I have &ca
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Darapoor
29th August 1799

Lt. Fireworker Hingley
Coimbatore

Mr. John Travers
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Sir

The Circular letter dated 25th Inst. I have this moment received it bears the post mark of the 22d August and it followed me from Coimbatore to Pillachee thence to Columburn and from Columburn here.

I have &ca
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Darapoor
29th August 1799

George Read Esquire
&ca. &ca.
Sir

I have the honor of sending Demand Collection & Balance of the Dindigul Province to the 13th July with two Statements of Memorandum to elucidate the Collections applicable to the liquidation of the debts of the assumed Pollams for Fs 1208 all of which I anxiously hope you will find right.

Any delay which may happen in the transmission of accounts subsequent to the 13th July I must beg your excuse for my wish is to consolidate the newly acquired Countries falling to me with the Dindigul Talooks but the want of writers to get on with business prevents that celerity of transmission I am as anxious should be with my Office in order that no delay arising from me should exist in yours.

I have &ca
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Matepollum
31st August 1799

Mr. Stevense
Merchant
Sir
Be pleased on receipt hereof to despatch to me three quires of Elephant and the same number of large drawing Papers.

I am &ca
(signed) T. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
31st August 1799

William Hawkins Esquire
Paymaster &ca. &ca.
Trichinopoly

Sir
Accompanying I have the pleasure of sending the account of the sheep & supplied from the District of Caroor to your servants.

The Cattle and sheep for which receipts are not granted of course cannot be paid for but as I imagine the receipt not being granted to the Tahsildars people may by mistake have been given to some other. I shall be obliged by your inquiry into the business and informing me of the result.

I have also the pleasure of sending the account of the sheep supplied from Coimbatore the receipts are left with my Cutcharee at Darapooram but I think Codunram your servant examined the account at Coimbatoor and said it was right the objection to the sheep account related to those from Caroor for which receipts were not granted.

I have further the pleasure to send an account of Paddy & rice delivered to your Canicopli at Erroad with Copies of receipts as numbered.

From a letter dated 11th June 1799

from

from Captain Macgregor. I have reason to suppose the 8100 Mercals of Paddy for which your Canicopily have given his receipt is the same quantity that he writes of having ordered to be measured before a Committee of Officers. It was only on Examining the grain accounts at Sattimungalum previous to delivery of the Erroad District to Captain Macleod that I knew of this receipt or I would sooner have mentioned the circumstance to you.

The rice I understand was delivered for supplies to the Canicoplies.

I have to request your bills in favor of the Board of Revenue for the amount of the several accounts as now transmitted excepting for the 8100 Mercals of Paddy which I conclude to have been delivered to your Canicopily without any orders from you for his receiving it as it was without my orders for the Tahsildar to deliver it.

Dindigul
2d September 1799

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdes
Collr.

Amount of Sheep to Mr. Commissary Hawkins from Coimbator

1799		No.			Vf f C	Ps f C
June	8	130	Sheep of the 1st sort at 4 Vfs. f. each	Vf f C 52		39 5 67
	10	100	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do	30		
		110	Do of the 3d Do at 2 Do Do	22	52	39 5 67
	15	50	Do of the 3d Do at 2 Do Do		10	7 23 50
	16	124	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do		37 2 ..	27 44 51
July	16	40	Do of the 1st Do at 4 Do Do	16		
		25	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do	7 5 ..	23 5 ..	17 30 57
	17	19	Do of the 1st Do at 4 Do Do	6 8 ..		
		8	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do	2 4 ..	9 2 ..	6 41 44
	20	64	Do of the 1st Do at 4 Do Do		25 6 ..	19 7 68
		199	111 Do of the 1st Do at 4 Do Do		44 4 ..	
			88 Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do		26 4 ..	53 12 35
		867				210 37 39
	28	83	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do		24 9 ..	18 33 54
	30	26	Do of the 1st Do at 4 Do Do	10 4 ..		
		91	Do of the 2d Do at 3 Do Do	27 3 ..	37 7 ..	28 17 3
		1067		Total Sta. Pagodas		257 43 18

Dindigul
2d September 1799

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Price of Cattle & Sheep Supplied to M.r Com.y Hawkins from Caroor Talook

1799 April 21.st Amount of Cattle & Sheep despatched by the Caroor Tahsildar to Erode Viz.t			
Cattle 259 at average price of 6½ P Rs. per head	507 - 36 - 63		
Sheep 2000 at 4½ per S Pagoda	444 - 15 -		
	952 - 6 - 63		
Deduct the amount of Cattle & Sheep for which no receipt is granted			
Cattle 2 at average price of 6½ P Rs. per head	3 - 41 - 34		
Sheep 84 at 4½ per Pagoda	18 - 23 - 40	22 - 19 - 74	
Amount price of Cattle 257 & Sheep 1916 as per Receipt No. 1 dated 26 Apl.			929 - 31 - 67
27.h Amount of Cattle & Sheep despatched by D.o to D.o Viz.t			
Cattle 57 at average price of 6½ Rs. per head	111 - 35 - 57		
Sheep 367 at 4½ per S Pagoda	81 - 22 - 40		
	193 - 13 - 17		
Deduct the amount of Cattle & Sheep for which no receipt is granted	193 - 13 - 17		
May 1.st Amount of Cattle & Sheep despatched by the Caroor Tahsildar to Erode Viz.t			
Cattle 33 at average price of 6½ Rs. per head	64 - 24 - 23		
Sheep 237 at 4½ per S Pagoda	52 - 36 -		
	117 - 9 - 23		
Deduct the amount of 12 sheep for which no receipt is granted	2 - 30 -		
Amount price of Cattle 33 & Sheep 225 as per receipt No. 2 dated 5.h May			114 - 24
Total Amount of Cattle & Sheep as per Receipts			1044 - 11

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An Account of Rice supplied to Mr. Commissary Hawkins

		Conty Chs.	f	ac.
1799 June	330 Mureals of Rice as per receipt No. 2 dated 11th Instant or Paddy 782¼ Mureals at 1 Mureal 4 5/8 seers per fanam is	55	7	4¾
July 12th	670 Mureals of Rice as per receipt No. 3 dated this day or Paddy 1588 Mureals at 1 Mureal 1 15/32 seers per fanam is	141	4	5
	Total	197	1	9¾
	or S Pagodas	166	40	71

8100 Mureals of Paddy as per receipt No. 1 of 25th May is at 1 Mureal 4 5/8 seers per Conty fanam is Conty Chs. 577 – f. 1 – ac. 4 or S Pags. at 11 f. 13 ac. per Pagoda is — 488 25 55

Dindigul
2d September 1799

Abstract

A	Coimbatore	S Pags.	257	43	16
B	Caroor	Do.	1044	11	12
C	Erroad	Do.	166	40	71
	Total	Pags.	1469	5	19

George Read Esquire
&c. &c.

Sir

I have the honor of sending the account for Dindigul to the 12th July.

The Annual account also accompany this which I anxiously hope you will be found right

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
2d September
1799

George Read Esquire
&c. &c.

Sir

Enclosed you will get Duplicate of

Estimate

Estimate of probable receipts & disbursements for Current Month

Dindigul 4th September 1799

I have &ca
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

I B Travers Esquire

Sir

Enclosed I have the pleasure of sending Estimate of probable receipts and disbursements for the Current Month Return of troops and Register of Bills for August.

Dindigul 4th Septr. 1799

I have &ca
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

I B Travers Esquire
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the Pleasure of sending the Demand Collections & Balance of the Dindigul District from 13th to 31st July 1799 –

Dindigul 8th September 1799

I have &ca
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Benjamin Torin Esquire

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing 1st set of bills in triplicate dated 2d. September for S Pags. thirteen thousand seven hundred by the Madura Paymaster on the Military Paymaster General in your favor for the same amount advanced by me from the Collections of the conquered countries to him on your account for which sum I have to request the favor of you to grant me bills on the Right Honorable the Governor General in favor of Runnar

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I beg to call your attention to my letters of the 5th August from Coimbatore & the 14th August from Sattamungalum & 22d. August from Pillachee and to request the favor of you to grant bills accordingly.

Dindigul
4th September
1799

I have &ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

The delay in sending the accounts of the Dindigul Collection from the 12th July until this time according to form and order has arisen from the necessity I felt of including the conquered Provinces lately attached to Dindigull in the different accounts and which I have been desirous of doing from the end of the last fusly.

The accounts of the conquered Provinces below the Ghauts to the 12th July are preparing as fast as possible the delay in the transmission of them has arisen from a want of writers those I have are not unknown to you. Until these accounts and the Demand Collection & Balances on the conquered Countries are finished which I hope will be in the Course of fourteen days — I must beg your patience these accounts sent I hope the others will be in due form and in time.

Nevertheless should it be your wish to have the Dindigul accounts are heretofore I can send them and have only delayed them in order to Cause the accordance of a double trouble ultimately to yourself and me.

I have to beg the favor of an

answer

answer and to assure you no exertion of mine shall be wanting to have every account of the lately acquired Provinces properly joined with those of Dindigul by the second week in October

I have &c.

Dindigul
5th September 1799

(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

To The Cunniwaddy Poligar

I have frequently written & sent letters to you on account of the oppression you have used on the ryots of the Cunniwady Pollam.

I have also frequently written to you not to give asylum to those who are disobedient.

I have often written you that your security was in your obedience to the Sirkar orders.

In answer to every letter you gave promises of obedience. On the 1st of September 1798 you by your own words affirmed "you will know my disposition by my actions" I have made the trial and have waited that I might understand your disposition.

In every circumstance you have acted contrary to the promises you both sent to me in writing and made to me in words and therefore I shall place no further confidence in you. Ruin threatens you. had you believed the advice I have given you before I acted upon it Calamity would not have come on yourself and family.

5th September 1799

William Petrie Esquire
President &ca. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Having left the western Provinces

south

South of the Noyil & Cauvery in a progressive state of settlement for Fusly 1209 - & having made nearly a clear collection of those attached by the late regulation to the Dindigul Province, those north of the Noyil with the accounts &ca. having been delivered over on the 17th to the Collector of Salem - I returned to Dindigul on the 31st Ultimo.

It is necessary in compliance with your order to report on the state of the District, this however I must request of your Board to excuse my delaying until the accounts of the Conquered Countries are sent off. the arrear of business is heavy and has arisen from want of assistance of English writers - it has not been possible to get.

The present address is to state to your Board the defalcation of the Cunniwaddy Poligar - he is in arrear of his third Kist Chs. 1671 - 1 - 13 the whole of his fourth and fifth making into to Chs. 5181 - 1 - 13 excepting him and Verapatchee - I have every reason to be satisfied with the general Conduct of the Dindigul Poligars

My wish to preserve this Boy from ruin - My letters to your Board on his former irregularities have evinced there is now nothing to offer in his favor he is wholly under the influence of licentiousness & folly - his ryots are flying from the oppression of his management and his pollam is generally the asylum of those whose disobedience to the Sirkar has been marked but particularly in respect to Moottoo Sherogar to whose councils together with the advice of his son I cannot but attribute the incorrectness of the Poligars conduct

Under every conviction that he will pay attention neither to threats nor admonition — knowing his pollam, is, even under his management very much more than adequate to the payment of the Sirkar Peishcush and to all reasonable & proper wants of himself — that the severity of the season has affected the other Poligars more than him — that their Peishcush generally is in proportion to their means more heavy than his — that this Pollam is the most extensive in land as well as the richest in soil I should feel myself guilty of the most culpable neglect if I did not recommend its immediate and irrecoverable assumption and this I do under the before mentioned impression that neither threats nor admonition will render him in any respect whatever obedient to the orders of the Sirkar.

Should your Board accede to this recommendation I shall endeavour to effect the assumption with as little trouble and risque as possible.

With respect to the Verupatchee Poligar the orders of your Board dated 18th April covering Extract from Government General of the 13th and which reached me the 27th April at Erroad could so far as regarded communication with the Officer Commanding the South on the subject have no effect as he marched with the South. detachment from Erroad some hours before the letter reached me. By the accompanying Copy of letter dated the 18th March your Board will perceive the Poligar was warned and that knowingly his people were concerned

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in the attack on Yereuoltta & Pulney Of the several Circumstances of which the difference in numbers only Your Board was correctly informed from my previous letters on the subject-

From the time however of the Southern Detachment taking field until the present moment (excepting his having given shelter to the band of murderers who infested Pulney in September & October 1798) he has been quiet-I have had no Communication with him whatever- his third fourth & fifth kist amounting to cc^s 1950 are due to the Sirkars- and I understand he would gladly send them if required of him.

The conduct of this Poligar in his rebellion and his instigation of others to the same purpose- the constant protection afforded by him to every murderer and plunderer and even deserting sepoys- deserves punishment but when your Board peruse the Extract No 2 accompanying- I should hope that I might be honored with discretionary power to get the people therein named except the Chinna Murdoo into my hands and develope wholly this business of treachery- which, altho I have not a connected proof of it, I have no doubt began in concert with Luckia Naique in October 1797-

I have to beg orders as to the line of conduct I am to pursue with respect to this Poligar I am convinced that until he is extirpated the Province of Dindigul will not be free from plunders-

I have &c^a
(Signed) S B Hurdis
Coll^r

Dindigul
5th September 1799

Dear Hawkins

By the inclosed Copy of letter from Mr. Irwin which having gone after me to Coimbatore reached me only last evening—You will see I was right in desiring bills in Irwins name on the Military Paymaster General. as the money you got from me is an advance of Irwins to you—and my Voucher for mine, to grant me bills on Government for the amount ought as I mentioned to you to have been your bills in his name given to me—this I shall thank you to do otherwise I cannot debit the Military Paymaster General the amount in his accounts—

I wish my letters to him enclosing Copies of your receipts dated 3d. 5th August had been answered sooner as it might have saved some trouble—

Yours &ca.

Dindigul
7th September 1799

(signed) W. Hurdis
Collr.

To Wm. Hawkins Esqre

William Irwin Esquire
Tanjour

Sir

Your favor of the 31st August reached me only yesterday—having followed me from Coimbatore

I sent to Mr. Irwin Copies of receipts from Mr. Hawkins—had they been granted in Triplicate I should have sent first of sent—

I Inclose Copy of Invoice of Cash advanced to Mr. Hawkins under date July 30th

There was a difference of exchange in rate expressed in my Invoice—and rate that obtained in Camp bazars which was—cause of his requiring the further sum of 370 NoPt

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to make up deficiency so arising.

I will be greatly obliged by your forwarding also Bills for advances made to Mr. Hughes in August & September so soon as possible.

Dindigul
7th September
1799

I am &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Josiah Webbe Esquire
Secretary to Government &ca. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a Copy of a letter from Captain Gepp Commanding Caroor the subject of which calling for immediate attention I directed the Tahsildar to issue two hundred Collums of rice from the supply laid in for the use of the army. The scarcity is now become very alarming throughout the south but particularly in Dindigul and the newly acquired Provinces. Of rice laid in by me for the use of the army, there remains at Caroor after the above issue about four thousand five hundred Cullums or about Garse 45 the place in which it is stored is indifferent and there is certainty of loss if it be kept longer. I therefore beg to suggest that the Commissary be directed to take as much as may be necessary at the Bazar price for the use of the Garrison until the Sumba Crop be cut and that the remainder be sold at the lowest possible price for the relief of the Inhabitants.

Dindigul
8th September 1799

I have &ca.
(signed) J B Hurdis
Collr.

Captain C. M. Gepp
Caroor

Sir

Your favor of the 5th I have this moment

moment received and am exceedingly sorry at the prospect of scarcity in Caroor With respect to the rice laid in by me for the supply of the Grand Army I have addressed the Secretary of Government on the subject who will most pro=
=bably issue the necessary orders for storing the garrison. To relieve any immediate want I have desired the Tahsildar in the enclosed order which I beg you to send him to issue to you two hundred Collums/ I believe about two garce Company's measurement but not having the accounts by me I am not quite certain/ of rice and to take your receipt for the same expressing therein the bazar rate of sale per Collum which money as it must be col=
=lected probably by stoppages from those who may require rice I have to beg of you to collect and reserve for me until my arrival that it may be regularly introduced in my accounts. I have directed the Tahsildar to send off to Dindigul as much rice as he can get carriage for famine & a murrain among the cattle pervade the whole Province.

I have &ca
/signed/ T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
8th September
1798

Robert Woolf Esquire
Accountant General

Sir

Enclosed you will receive copy of a bill by the Resident of Tanjour date 12th Augt. for St Pagodas 200 on Government General in favor of Revenue.

I have &ca
/signed/ T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
8th September 1798

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John Travers Esquire
& ca. & ca.

Sir

Enclosed you will receive a bill by the Resident of Tanjour date 12th August for St Pags. two hundred (St. Pags 200) on Government General in favor of Revenue

I am & ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
8th September 1799

William Irwin Esquire
Tanjour

Sir

I am favored with your letter covering bills on Government General for St Pags two hundred I have the pleasure of sending the 1st of a sett of bills dated 3rd August by Mess. Hughes for 4000 four thousand Star Pags., for the August disbursements from Sattamungalum under date 14th August may I beg the favor of you to send me bills as usual for the amount.

I have & ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
8th September
1799

Robert Woolf Esquire
Accountant General

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing Copy of a bill by the Resident of Tanjore date 3rd August for St Pagodas 4000 on Government General in favor of Revenue

I have & ca.
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
9th September
1799

John Travers Esquire
&c. &ca.

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting a bill by the Resident of Tanjour dated 3rd August on Government General for Str. Pags 400 four thousand in favor of Revenue I received the bill this morning only—

I have &ca.

Dindigul
9 September
1799

(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Stephen Lushington Esquire
Collector of Southern Peishcush

Sir

The assistance given by the Yellamoody Poligar to Velladadoo Poojaury Naique has often been the subject of Complaint to you and although you have been kind enough to exert your authority in prevention of its continuance it has been without effect.

My peons have been fortunate enough to drive him out of the Dindigul Mountains— to secure his principal followers and by keeping a strong party at his place of refuge to force him to his father and Coadjutor Yellamoody—

I have to beg of you to cause him to be delivered over to me but as I am well aware the Yellamaday Poligar will evade your orders & as my people know Poojaury naiques haunts I have to beg the favor of you to permit my peons going and seizing him in any manner they can the murders he has committed the predatory excursions he has headed & the Villages Canvoyputty & Gungowarputty he & his people fired call upon us to lay aside British lenity and substitute severity

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B Sdes for Apl/56 2d May/56. 177

Should you accede to my wishes I would beg of you to send two people whom you can Confide into report progress to you.

I wish also for your strongest tahkeeds to Yellamaday prohibiting his assistance if only to avoid bad Consequences as I am well Convinced many lives might be lost if either Yellamoody or his people opposed my peons in the execution of their duty to avoid which I make this applica-tion to you.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
15 September 1799

Captain Malcom Magregor
&ca. &ca.

Sir

On application of the Tahsildar of Erroad for a guard to escort Treasure to Caroor I have to request the favor of you to furnish him with it.

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
16 September
1799

John B Travers Esqre.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have the pleasure of enclosing bill by the Resident of Tanjour on Government General dated September 2d 1799 for Star Pagodas thirteen thousand seven hundred S Pags. 13700 in favor of Revenue.

I am &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
16 September 1799

Robert Woolf Esquire
Accountant General &ca. &ca.

Sir

Enclosed you will receive copy of bill for S Pags 13700 dated 2d September by the Resident of Tanjour on Government General in favor of Revenue.

Dindigul
16th September 1799

I am &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

George Read Esquire
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Accompanying I have the pleasure of sending the Demand Collection and Balance of the whole of the Districts under my management as well newly attached as old for July and August Viz. Fusly 1209.

The treasury accounts also for July & August 1209 I also send the particulars I shall transmit as soon as possible.

The accounts of the Conquered Countries are in great forwardness from April until 12th July — I have entered the Balance of the Conquered Countries from the 12th July distinct that if error should have crept in by accident it may be more easily rectified.

I trust these accounts will be found right as to form But when you consider that I have had to instruct my new Sheristadar in the form of Office I hope reasonable indulgence may be allowed me should any part

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not accord therewith.

I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your letter dated the 12th it reached me yesterday in future I shall be obliged by your answering such questions as may be contained in my letters since the information sought for be not given the Public service may be impeded and that I do not apprehend should be more pleasant to you than to me.

I am &ca
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Malepollam
18th September 1798.

To
William Irvine Esquire
Assistant Tanjour

Sir

Mr. Hurdis having directed me to collect from the bullock owners the respective sums due from them as mentioned in the statements enclosed in your letter to him of the 27th July last, I have to inform you that save Tirmala Chetty and none of them are yet returned from the army. From those now in the District the money shall be immediately collected, and from the others so soon as they return.

I have &ca
(signed) J. B. Hurdis
Collr.

Dindigul
19th April 1799.

2 May
2d Rev Nos.

William Petrie Esquire
President &ca Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Gentlemen

My letter of the 5th Instant made mention of the conduct of Verupatchee an Extract of declaration of Alwarpillah accompanied it. I would not have sent so superficial a business to your Board had I been possessed of all the information. I send in the accompanying twenty six sheets the greater part of which altho' dated some time since I have within these few days only thoroughly digested.

The horrid scenes of murder therein related have been perpetrated since the time of Meer Saheb until July last. The predatory incursions of the Colleries and Poojaury Naigues banditti have been every where checked by the Sibbendy and means would have been taken to bring these atrocities before your Board earlier than now that the perpetrators might have received punishment had it been known that such acts had been committed. The Sibbendy in successfully following the banditti into the hills gave security to the Villages of the Valley but as that security remained only as long the Peons were present and as that late war encouraged the banditti of every description to assemble. I determined the delicacy either towards his highness's Country or Poligars as to those of Dindigul Madura or Manapara should not prevent my using all the means in my power to repress and punish the miscreants who were daring enough to come forward.

The attacks on Pylney & Jericotta

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as before related to your Board - justified this
determination - and the events of those attacks
depressed the spirits of the insurgents - nevertheless
security of situation gave confidence to the ban-
-ditti of the Valley - to renew and persuade in
their plunders - which (Vide Mr. Ravenshaw's
letter) became more & most heinous by aggra-
-vated acts of wanton barbarity -

Thus circumstanced I directed
that when information which might be de-
-pended upon could be gained of Poojaury
Naigue and his banditti - the Sibbendy
should proceed to the place and bring him in dead or
alive and his adherents.

On the 22d July they proceeded
to Polatram in the hills and were fortunate enough
to secure all the principals save three - Viz Poojaury
Naigue Comereddy & Nymapreeairam - the decla-
-rations (from No. 7 to 11 inclusive, of their miscreants)
imposed the barbarities committed and which
most probably never would have been brought to
light but for the apprehension of the principals

I have remarked as particularly
as possible on every paragraph of every declara-
-tion that your Board might be apprized of my
opinion and be in possession of all I knew. It ap-
-pears to me that no further enquiry into the con-
-duct of Verupatchee will be necessary to shew the
man in his true colors but of this your Board
will judge.

As I understand Major Banner-
-man is now moving westward - I shall request
of him to secure the Jellamoody Poligar as an
hostage

hostage for his son Poojaury Naique who is concealed in his Pollam & Constantly changing his place of residence in the different Villages of it.

Every attention to the motions of the Poligar is paid it is only the Idea that by Major Bannerman's means his seizure may be effected with less risque that has prevented my directing the peons further to attempt it and that by apparently giving up the pursuit Poojaury Naiques vigilence may decrease to negligence.

The Party is wholly driven from the hills and there is every reason to hope the north side of the Valley will be in quiet but it is in my opinion indispensably necessary that a strong body of peons should remain in the hills not only to prevent the possibility of the parties returning but to cause an easy ingress towards the strong Countries of Veerapatchee & Cunni-waddy.

Fully impressed with the importance of this, and having by every means in my power procured information of the relative situation of the different retreats in the hills all of which strongly Corroborated my first intention I directed the Sibbendy to remain at Polatoor to Clear the jungle around the place and to build a Ghurry after the Country fashion for their security the expense of which will be trifling and which I beg leave to enter in my accounts.

As a preventative to future atrocities of such nature on the hills I beg to observe that the opening a road from Pulney to Polattoor & Punnicaudoo thro the hills appears

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to me the best mode that can be adopted—
and this by destroying in great measure the
security of the Poligars in their Combies places
them more under the orders of the Sirkar—
the undertanding will neither be very dif-
-ficult nor very expensive should your Board
approve the suggestion I shall be happy to
forward an Estimate—

In No. 2 I transmit particulars
of the Conduct of the Colleries to write more
on the subject of these insubordinate people
would be only to fatigue your Board with
repetition the Nabob's people cannot ma-
-nage them and they cause it a total dere-
-liction of justice towards them—

I have &ca.
(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

Matepollam
19th September
1799

To Thomas B Hurdis Esquire
Collector of the District
Dindigul &ca. &ca.

Sir

Para 1 Though the Naut Colleries have
been all in arms ever since I had the honor to
address you on the 16th Instant yet I have much
satisfaction in reporting they have not made
one incursion into the Valley—

2 In consequence of a desire you
expressed that a party might be sent into the
Pulatoor Hill to prevent the depredations of
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those Marauders Poojairy Naigue & Alwarpillay every necessary arrangements being made. the Sybendy peons proceeded for that purpose on the evening of the 21st and the next morning after a trifling skirmish with some of Poojairy Naig's people. they got possession of the hill & Village which was entirely deserted.

3 Some of the miscreants continuing all that day to fire from the woods into the Village, the Sirkar peons were ordered to scour the thicket and drive them away. in one of these excursions, one of the wives of Arlwarpillay, his son's wife and Child, his shroff Marakachetty and his wife and Child, Shota Curpen a Culler, and one of his younger brothers were all taken prisoners.

4 Shota Curpen is the Culler who has all along been with Pujairy Naig has headed all his plundering incursions into the Valley and is said to have murdered no less than six or seven Ryots men women and Children in this District. his Countenance and conduct what little I have seen of him bespeak him a most desparate, cruel, determined sinner.

5 Mungala Manardy who has frequently written Oleys to beg the Circar would drive Poojairy Naig and his gang from the hills, being informed of the intended attack, sent what few people he could collect to join the Circar peons.

6 Two days after the hill was

taken

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taken possession of all was quiet and the ryots & Pulliers returned to the Village they informed that Pujaury Naig having intimation of the attack had gone off, with all his family further into the hills, but finding the Circar's intention was to keep possession of Pulatoor, he immediately escaped with about ten or twelve of his adherents, to his father, the Yellamaddy Poligar— this information has since been partly confirmed by persons who have come from Yerlumaddy, tho' none of my people have seen him there—

7 The ryots having reported that Arlwarpillay was gone through the hill by paths to Minelloor a hill Village of Cunni-waddy I immediately sent No. 1 Enayet Namah to the Poligar— No. 2 is his answer— at the time he wrote which on the 26th I have strong reason to suppose he had Alwarpillay with him.

8 People were previously stationed in all quarters to watch where he might come forth from the hills, as his Comrade having escaped and he being deserted by all but two or three people, it was not probable he would long remain there— Among other people Gopia Naig the dispossessed Poligar of Sundioor, was ordered at his peril to keep people on the watch and seize the miscreants if possible he accordingly sent his men out, and on the 27th in the morning one of them came to inform me at Gunjewarpulty, that the Cunnywaddy Poligar had sent two people to invite Alwarpilly

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to Come [illegible] him that his / Gopia Naigues / men had followed him and his son, with those two people to Cunniwaddy on the 25th and that on their arrival there, there was much dispute among the Poligar's people about delivering Arlwarpilly up to the Circar, and that Mootoo Sherogar in particular strongly opposed the measure — if this information is correct as to dates it is certain that at the very time the Poligar wrote me, he knew nothing of Arlwarpillay, this man was in Cunniwaddy.

9 Having no reason to think Gopia Naigs information was false especially as he had stated so many particulars I resolved to trust to it, and immediately despatched a Jemedar with one duffa of peons and two of my Cutcharee peons with No. 3 / Ornayetnamah to the Cunniwaddy Poligar — the Jemidar was ordered to deliver the letter into the Poligar's hand to demand the miscreants, and not leave the Village till they were delivered up.

10 Before the Jemidar with the peons arrived at Cunniwaddy they met at a small distance from thence some of the Poligar's peons, who had under their charge Arlwarpillay and one of his adherents a Chetty two Pulliers and one Pullier's woman whom the Poligar had taken, and all of whom they were bringing to the Huzoor with the Urzee No. 4 — the person supposed to be Arlwarpillay's son, it appears is a Chetty who escaped from the hills with Arlwarpillay — the hill people say his son escaped with Pyjaury Naig

11 Tho' I must give the Poligar every credit for delivering up these people, yet from the information, I have, there is little doubt in my mind, but he made a merit of necessity, on hearing the Circar peons were coming direct to his Village.

12 All the prisoner's were brought in here yesterday and are now in heavy Irons on the rock. Over Arlwarpillay and Shoter Curoopen I have requested the Commanding Officer to place separate guards and allow no person to speak to either of them. In the course of today and tomorrow I shall take the declarations of these people which I shall hereafter have the pleasure to transmit you.

13 Mungala Manardy accompanied by all his friends and some hill people from the Pulney and Iyacoody hill Villages and the ryots of Pulatoor came down the hill on the 26th and I had an audien with them all at Gengwarputty on the 27th.

14 The Old man, tho' old is not except in constitution by living all his life in the hills, seemed truly happy that Pulatoor was at last riddled of those lawless robbers, who had been the ruin of him and his family for these last two years. he begged for protection and said he should ever look up with gratitude to the Circar, for delivering him from want & misery. I assured him that so long as he implicitly obeyed the orders of the Circar, he should ever receive that protection and favor, the Company were at all times happy to shew to honest obedient people.

15 He seemed averse to my keeping

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a guard of Sybendy at Pulatoor, not so much I perceived from any desire of his own, as from some latent Cause I was informed of this I found to be a request the Veerapatchee Poligar had often made of him never to admit any of the Circar people into his hills. On my assuring him the Sybendy were not only kept there for the protection of the Circar lands below, but also to insure proper bundobust in the hills, and for security to all his Villages against any future attack Pujasry Naig or other Marauders might make against them, he appeared perfectly satisfied.

15. I then stated to him the matter of a Muchilka I wished him to enter into with the Circar to this neither he or his people having any objection it was written out and signed by them all. No. 5 is translation of it and No. 16 is security Muchelika given by Shola Manardy of the Pulney hill Villages who attended Mungala Manardy to me.

17 Conceiving now I had done all that prudence could dictate on a first interview with these people having presented them with beetle &ca. I dismissed them and they returned to the hill.

18 Tho' I know not how it was your intention to have acted in this event, I trust what I have now done will meet your approbation. I have promised the Manardys nothing but protection for obedience.

19 The whole race of Marauders being now extirpated from the Pulatoor hill,

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I look forward with much satisfaction to the future quiet and happiness of all the ryots in that part of the Valley

20 In my letter of the 16th I mentioned that the Mellore Colleries having demanded the release of Raucka from the ryots of Vaimbarpetty it was very probable they might for vengeance make an incursion in that quarter they did so on the 18th and carried away one hundred and thirty Bullocks the Natamcar of Vaimbarpetty went into the Naats to demand them of the Colleries, but could not recover one he returned only yesterday No 7 Translation of his declaration, will give you every information of his treatment in the Naats

21 The Colleries made a second incursion a few days ago and were carrying off one hundred and fifty head of Cattle, but the Circar peons overtook them and brought back the whole

22 The great Custum of the Mellore Naats still continuing & the ryots about Vaimbarpetty being in a state of alarm, I purpose in a day or two going over to that quarter, and as far as possible you may be assured I will prevent any future depredations I am further induced to go as the Colleries are not likely to disperse the assembly for some time some of them having taken the part of Shokien, the bastard brothers of the deceased Poligar of Nuttum, who died without any heir to the Puttum

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the Poligar's widow and family have fled and this Shokien, who the Collieries wish to place on the Puttum, has laid waste with them, the whole Pollam.

23 While these people are in arms there is no saying where their predatory habits may carry them, but all that can, shall be done to prevent their incursions into this District.

Dindigul
29th July 1799

I have &ca.
(signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

No. 1

Translation of an Enayeh Namah to the Cunniwaddy Poligar dated 25th July 1799.

Para. 1 The Pulatoor hill being taken possession of by the Circar people, if you ever hope for the protection of the Company you will immediately seize Pujaury Naig Alwar pillay or any of their adherents, who may come into your hills or any part of your bounds and send them to the Huzoor.

2 But if any one of these Marauders enter your hills or any part of your Pollam and you do not take him I will hold you answerable for this neglect.

3 Further I have heard that Alwar-pillay and his family are in Minelloor one of your hill Villages, you will therefore in obedience to this order immediately on receipt hereof seize them all and send them to the Huzoor. If you neglect to be deligent and vigilant in this business you will incur my severe displeasure.

A true translation
(Signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

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No. 2
Translation of an Urzee from the Cunninvadoly Poligar dated 26th July 1799.

After Compliments

Para 1 To the 30th of this Instant duly I continue my deligence and obedience to the Company the sunnud you have now been pleased to send me, I have read and understand it's contents. You therein state that the Circar having possession of Pulatoor hill. If I hope for the favor of the Company I must immediately seize and send to the Huzoor Pujaury Naig, Aulwarpillay or any of their adherents who may enter my hills or any of part of my bounds, and that If I do not do so that you will hold me answerable. You further say that you understand Aulwarpillay and his family are come into my Village of Minalloor all these circumstances mentioned in your sunnud are proper advice to me.

2 You know very well what friendship I have with Pujaury Naig, Aulwarpillay and their adherents, as my existence depends on my acquiring the favor and protection of the Company I have never at any time been in friendship with any such mean people as Poojaury Naig Aulwarpillay or other bad people who have t behaved improperly to the Company I shall therefore seize any of these people who may come into my bounds and send them to the Huzoor, Aulwarpillay & his family are not come to Minalloor if they come I will seize them.

A true translation
(signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asstt. Collr.

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No. 3

Translation of an Urayeh Namah to the Cunniwaudy Poligar dated 27th July 1799.

Para. 1 When the Circar people went to take possession of Pulatoor Aulwarpillay and his son Escaped from thence and went to Shittleroo Village in your Pollam you sent two of your people Cooty Naig and Tunguin to bring them to you, and you have them now in your Village where they were followed all the way from the hills by the Circar people.

2 I therefore send a Jemadar and a Duffa of Peons to you, to point them out to whom you will immediately deliver those people and send them to me, if you make the least hesitation in giving up those people I will make you, your family & Pollam answerable for your disobedience, Consider this well and send the miscreants instantly.

A true translation
(signed) John G. Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

No. 4

Translation of Urzee from the Cunniwaddy Poligar. No date received 28th July 1799.

Para. 1 After Compliments — I am to this time deligent and Obedient to the orders of the Company, In consequence of the summons you sent me on the 13th Audy (28th July) I sent people to watch in all the paths leading from my hills and Combys, with orders to seize Pijaury Naig Aulwarpilly or any of their adherents who might Come by those ways and bring them to me.

wherefore

wherefore, one of Alwarpillay's ryots a Puller and his wife and one Paria coming down by way of Iyampollam, Comby were seized after this Alwarpillay with one another man coming by the same path with the intention of going to some western Poligars who are their friends, my men took, and brought them to me. Having secured them I enquired for Pejaury Naig but was informed he went off by the hills to the westward, to what place he is gone I cannot learn there is great enmity between me and Aulwarpillay. In my grandfathers time during Hyders troubles Aulwarpillay plundered from my grandfather 20000 Chuckrums worth of things, he kept in the hills all this, this Aulwarpillay must be answerable for, this being the case and he having rebelled against the Company I now send him to you.

A true translation

(signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

No. 5

Translation of Moochelika given by Mungala Manardy Punniken of Taundicoody in Deolanapully Hills. Valapen the son of Andy Pulneappen Nessey Manardy of Punnicandoo Chinna Cariyan Moothy Vauden Chetty Lungen of Pelatoor Shadia Munnardy the son of Connaken Chetty and Valapen the son of Vellerney Goundan to the Company's Circar dated 15th Aady Year Chetrauty or 27th July 1799.

Para. 1 Whereas some time ago Alwarpillay who Mungalamanardy kept in his service to enquire into and manage his affairs, did endeavour to deprive him, his elder and younger brothers his fatherinlaw, and brotherinlaw of existance and did actually plunder him of all his property good Chattles &ca. and did take possession of all

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his Cruelty, we all in consequence laid our case before the Company's Cirkar at Dindigul, to which the Cirkar was so good as to listen, and was pleased to send a party of peons to drive the Mutual enemies of the Cirkar and us (Poojaury Naig and Alwar pillay) from Peelatoo, and as in former times to reinstate us as the ryots of these Hill Villages. We agreeable thereto are willing to return to our Villages and promise to obey all orders the Cirkar may be pleased to give us.

2 The Cirkar having been pleased to station a guard of Peons at Pulftoor for our protection, we promise to supply these people with all provisions our Village may afford the same being regularly paid for.

3 We will give them any assistance that may be wanted.

4 We will cut down all the Timber, and clear all the paths thro the Hills, that are now blocked up & we will make these paths free and open roads.

5th We will as formerly carry our different Commodities to the Sundy's of Deodanapetty and Battlegoontah, and we will keep up a free and open trade with those places as we used to do.

6t We will in obedience to the desire of the Cirkar never at any time give protection, to Poojaury Naigue. Alwarpillay or any of their adherents or to any Poligars or other people who have acted improperly towards the Company and when any people of this descriptio

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Come into our Hills we will seize & deliver them to the Cirkar.

7th If any depredations are at any time made in the Cirkar Country, by any wicked people from our hills we will be answerable for such damage.

8th If we at any time act in disobedience to what is herementioned in the least respect we will suffer the Cirkar to inflict on us any punishment that may be thought proper, and we will quietly submit to what may be done to us in consequence.

to this we all agree and give this our Carar Namamah Muchelika.

(signed) by all the parties

A true translation

(signed) John G Ravenshaw

Assist. Collr.

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No. 6

Translation of a Security Muchelika given by Shola Manaudy of Vilputty of Pulney Malamalay to the Company Circar Dated 27 July 1799

Para (1) Whereas Arlwarpilly having some time since seized Mungalamanardy Punnikar of Pondigoody in the Davalanaputty hills, Valapen the son of Andy-Pulsey appen Neroneya Manaudy of Punnacaudoo, China Curyan, Poothywarden Chitty Cungun of Peelatoor Shedeya Manaudy the son of Connaken Chetty and Valapen the son of Vellandy Gounden, and exacted from these people a very heavy fine, having also endeavoured to deprive of existence the elder & younger brothers & the father in law and brother in law of Mungala Manaudy and whereas this Arlwarpillay in

Conjunction

Conjunction with Pyjaurrey Naig had taken possession of Peilatoor, from whence they made depredations into the Circar Country—

2 The Cirkar has in consequence been so kind as to shew favor to the above named Manaudys; has driven away the said bad people Arlwarpillay, and Pyjary Naig & reinstated the said Manaudys as formerly in their hill Villages, they have in consequence entered into a Carar Namah Muchelika with the Cirkar, which they implicitly promise to obey. Now be it known that I will be answerable for the above named Manaudys to their obedience to the Circar & their conformity with what is written in their Muchalika, in which if they make any neglect or allow any persons on enmity with the Company to come into their hills without seizing them, or whatever ever loss the Circar may suffer from bad people thro' the neglect of these Manaudys, I will hold myself answerable therefore, and for delivering to the Circar any of the said Manaudys Accordingly I give this security Muchelicka.

(signed) Shola Manaudy

A true translation

(signed) John. G. Ravenshaw

Asst. Collr.

No. 7

Translation of a declaration given by Soobramany a Vellarlen 2nd August 1799

Para 1 When the Circar people came up the hill

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this last July to take Peelatoor. I, Arlwarpillay and his wife and family, Nyarnarprecarsum Pillay a Parcar two Chucklers & their families and one Nursura a boy went away & concealed ourselves in the woods. while we were there a Puller came from Kistniah of Chilleravoo, the son of Shashyen who had always been a great friend to Arlwarpillay. This Kistniah was coming by way of Iyempollam Comby towards Peelatoor, and sent the Puller forward to desire Arlwarpillay to come to him accordingly when the Puller came we all went with him to Kistniah, who said to Arlwarpillay "you must go away now to some other place, but come with me for the present" they went to Chilleravoo and I went with them, Arlwarpillay having desired his wife and the other people, to go away to Iyempollam to the house of Outher a Culler. We remained that night in Shashyen's house. The next morning Nyarnarprecarsum Pillay and the Chucklers run away to Cunniwaddy. Arlwarpillay delivered over four or five pair of gold earings, two pairs of gold seals, one bag of jewels & two Cloths to Kistniah to take care of for him.

2 Kistniah his Elder brother Sawmynautha Pillay and Curroopannen, then came and made oath to Arlwarpillay that he should not be delivered over to the Circar, and desired him to go with them to their Master the Cunniwaddy Poligar, who would do any thing for him he wanted.

3 He went with them as did I to Cummiwaddy when we got to the Village, they kept me in the passage and took Aulwarpillay into the Poligar who said to him, "do you send for your Bullocks Calves for me to "take Care of" Stay here yourself with me and I will "give you a hundred peons, with whom you shall go "and make the Circar people retired from Peelatoor, & "make that Village over to me," Aulwarpillay re-"plied If you will give the Circar peoples money, "you may get them to retire from Peelatoor, but I "cannot do it with the Peons," The Poligar said "very "well we will talk more on this business hereafter" and provided Aulwarpillay with a lodging and victuals for that night—

4 The next morning they sent him away to the Fort Sherogar On the 3rd day in the morning at 10 O'Clock while I was in Appia Sherogar's house the Poligar's people came took away my beetle & seven fanams and from Aulwarpillay his beetle and silver ring, and brought us away here—

5 Alwarpillay's Confidants, who know all his affairs are Cummaulen Coluntkey Andy Terumalay Colungpetaum and Coty Male-ken—

(A true translation)
(signed) G Ravenshaw
Assist. Collr.

No. 8

Translation of a declaration given by Mauri-apa Chetty of Taudigoody an adherent of Alwar-pilly's 1st August 1799—

Para 1 In the year Rauchethur (or 1795)

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a dispute having arisen between Mungala Ma=
=nardy of Taudigoody and one of his adherents Coo=
=pien of Punnycaudoo respecting which of them
should be the head man in those hills; Mungala
Manardy proposed to assemble ten of the hill
Nataumgaurs in order to settle the quarrel,
but Coopien would not Consent to it, saying the
business must be settled as he desired - he in Con=
=sequence sent to Gopia Naig at that time of
Cavatanaputty to inform him of the affair, &
got from thence some of the Poligar's head people
and one Verapillay then with Pugaury Naig,
but since murdered by him these people Came
to Punnecaudoo. Mungala Manardy seeing
this sent word to Veerapautchee and got from
him Vellaconda Sherogar and some peons, who
Came to Taundigoody -

2 - The people of Gopia Naig's, who were,
in Punnecaudoo now left that place & Cungen=
Narreya Moopen and six other people who ever
with Coopien Manaurdy, went over to Mungala
Manardy -

3 After this Coopien Manardy sent
for Cuty Naig and Cumbly Naig with some peons
from Cunniuaddy but they stayed with him
only a few days.

4 - Mungala Manardy then came
with the Veerapatchee Poligar's people whom he
had in Taundigoody to Punnecaudoo, where
they murdered Coopien's brother & two other
people - Veerapatchee's people having seized all
the property there went away - Coopien Manardy
run away to Male Mally

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5 In the year Nulla (1796) Mungala Manardy, and Auluarpillay by means of Veera-patchee's hill people sent Cowle to Coopien, to come and live as usual in Punnecaudoo, he came accordingly and it was settled by the decision of Veerapatchee's people, that Cungen Narreya Moopen and his other six people should return to live with Coopien - these people were accordingly given him and he was desired to treat them as his children, and use no deceit -

6 Three months after this Coopien & Cungen seized Narreya Mopen and murdered him -

7 When Veerapatchee's people heard this, they determined that as this person had been murdered, after the dispute had been settled through their mediation, to demand vengeance of Mungala Manaurdy, who proposed to give them a recompense in money instead of vengeance, but to this they would not consent, & said they must have life for life - Mungala Manardy then said if they were determined, that he would invite Coopien and all his people on a certain day to come to Taundicoodey, to speak on marriage affairs, he in consequence made oath to and called them to him, sending word to Veerapatchee's people, that an opportunity for vengeance, which they demanded, then offered. Veerapatchee's people came accordingly and murdered Coopien his son in law Mungalenaud one Varley Chetty a Taliagy -

8 Two months after this Pujaury Naig came to Peelatoor, and three months after his arrival

arrival a difference having arose between Mungala Manardy and Aulwarpilly, the latter told him he must get some other person to look after his business. Mungala Manardy accordingly took into his service one Carrey Valen. Aulwarpillay alledging it was a breach of Cast for Carreyvalen to serve Mungala Manardy after he had left him, carried off all his bullocks. Mungala Manardy demanding why Aulwarpillay plundered his man's bullocks, he was answered with contempt. Carreyvalen and some few others remained with Mungala Manardy, but all the other people went over to Aulwarpillay.

9 Thus they continued a few days, when Aulwarpillay sent word to Veerapatchee, and got from him Vellaconda Sherogar and some of the Parcheloor people. Mungala Manardy seeing these people arrive, conceived some deceit was intended against him, and went away to Malemally with his people. While he was there he sent a message to Pujaury Naig to desire he would intercede and make up the dispute between him and Aulwarpillay.

10 Pujaury Naig accordingly sent his man Chemben Chetty to Mungala Manardy to settle the dispute. Mungala Manardy told him, that if Vellaconda Sherogar and Patcheloor Manardy Madapen, would give him Confidence, he would come to Taundicoodey.

11 Chemben Chetty accordingly sent a man to the Paucheloor people and Vella Conda Sherogar, who having made oath to Mungala Manardy

Manardy and gives him Confidence they went together to Taundigoody where Pujaury Naig arrived four or five days afterwards.

12 In a few days Pujaury Naig Aul=warpilly Patcheloor Madapen Manardy and Vellaconda Sherogar consulted together, and agreed that as Mungala Manardy and his people in Conjunction with Cungen had sent ammuni=tion to the Company's people, and invited them to Come up the hills and seize Poojaury Naig and Aulwarpillay, and then to place a guard in Taun=digoody, in order to take possession of Veerapautchee and Cunniwaddy, and having corresponded to this & other effects with the Company's people in Davatanaputty they adjudged Mungala Manardy to be much in fault, and in Consequence seized him, his brother Coopen his brother in law Mapen Carreyvalen and his brother in law Colunthavalen Cermanoor Cummaulen Moonien Cochey Manardy Shama Pulney Cooly Appen Perea Curreyaun and four or five other people all of whom they flogged & put in Chains. Colunthavalen having suffered much beating at last gave up his property one hundred and twenty Chuck[s] worth of Joyes which was divided between Veerapatchee and Pujaury Naig.

13. Eight days after this the aforesaid Coopen Mapen Carreyvalen Cermanoor Cum=maulen and Columtha Valen were carried away into the woods and murdered.

14 One Month afterwards Mungala Manardy was released, and went away with

Vellaconda

Vellaconda Sherogar to Patcheloor, where one of Veerapatchee's head men came, and sent for Aulwarpillay and Poojaury Naig's people Chemben Chetty and Verana Pillay with whom he made up the dispute between Mungala Manardy and Aulwarpilly, and sent them to Taundigoody, telling them to live as usual like father and son.

15 Soon after their arrival there the Circar people came up the hill with Cungen attacked Peelatoor and came on to place a guard in Punnecaudoo. Upon which Aulwarpilly wrote to the Malemally and other Manardy's to come to his assistance and he with Pujaury Naig placed people in all the paths and were very vigilant. Veerapatchee's people Vellaconda Sherogar Pona Sherogar and Conda Manigar came with some peons; but the rainy season coming on the Circar people left the hills.

16 Two or three days afterwards Aulwarpillay and Pujaury Naig set fire to Punnycaudoo plundered the Village and brought away the bullocks about 40 or 50 to Taundigoody.

17 In fourteen or fifteen days Aulwarpillay with ten or twenty of Pujaury Naig's peons and thirty or forty of Taundigoody went by way of Pulatoor Comby and plundered from Tudapilly Comby of Pereacolum one hundred and forty bullocks, which he brought by way of Paulamally to Taundigoody. these bullocks

bullocks were sold by Aulwarpillay Chembenchetty and Veranapilly and the money given to Poojaury Naig.

18 Mungala Manardy living at that time with Poojaury Naig and Aulwarpilly, and seeing them enter into such wicked ways as to go and plunder in the Company's Districts, he resolved to leave them and went away accordingly to Pancheloor upon which Aulwarpillay collected some of the Village people & sent them to desire he would return to the Village these people went but they remained with Mungala Manardy considering him as their Master and they daily sent for & brought away by degrees all their women & Children Cows Calves from Taundigoody

19 When these people were going away with their Cattle &c Aulwarpilly having demanded some money of them I collected by his order, three bullocks and thirty Chuckrs worth of jewels which I gave to him. The next day Poojaury Naig and Aulwarpillay set fire to Tondigoody and went away to Pulatoor.

20 Aulwarpillay now collected Pojaury Naigs people the Pullers of Punnycaudoo and Pulatoor and Nyanarpreacaurum with his people who came from Cunninaddy with Ponummy (Pojaury Naig's mother in law) with these people he went to Puthuputty of Buttagoontah, where two people were killed, and whence they plundered four hundred sheep &

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one hundred and twenty bullocks. The sheep were given to the Peons and some of the bullocks were given Soo-bramany of Iyempollam (who carries all sorts of Commodities to Peelatoor) for him to sell.

21 Veranapillay at this time went to Sheree-putty in the Nauts, whence he brought with him Chuntheravan and his son with about thirty Collories to Sherriputty, where they stayed a few days and then went by order of Pujiary Naig & Alwarpillay and set fire of Canaroyputty where they wounded one woman.

22 Pujiary Naig then sent Veranapillay with forty five bullocks to sell in the Nauts, with these he went accompanied by the Collories by way of Iyempollam. This Veranapillay never returned to Peelatoor.

23 Ten months ago a Moorman sent by Tippoo with letters to Pondicherry came to Veerapatchee with three loaded bullocks and seven or eight attendants. The Poligar sent Tombeeky Moodelly and Vellien with this Moorman through the hills to Poojairy Naig & Alwarpillay with them he took his meal & then went by their desire attended by Commyreddy Chemben Chetty and Nyanarpreeavaum by way of Davatanaputty to the Culler Nauts to the house of An-Comboy to the Culler Nauts to the house of An-deyapa Tavan of Curnattoor. Andeyapa Tavan sent him attended by a party of people to Chinna Murdoo Sherogar. What became of him afterwards I know not.

24 When Commyreddy returned from the Nauts he was sent by Poojairy Naig with

with Vitey and Caroopen of Caumaucheeporum to the Veerapatchee Poligar — the Poligar gave Commyreddy a horse and sent him with his man Tombechi Moodelly and some peons to Tippoo's man the Venky Nabob to enquire when he would come down to Dindigul — they went and had a conversation with the Venkey Nabob, who told them to write word to Veerapatchee that the Dindigul District had before been in his possession once or twice, and that he (the Poligar) had now no reason to care for any thing, for the horse were come down to Danaendollah a few days after this the Venky Nabob went away to Chittledroog. Tombechi Moodelly and Commyreddy then sent to the Veera-patchee Poligar for 200 or 300 Peons to come & assist the horse in laying waste the Avanaushy Districts, and others in that neighbourhood. The peons were sent till may they plundered in those Countries and returned in June to Veerapatchee with Tombeche Moodelly and Commyreddy who sent word to Pu-jaury Naig and Aulwarpillay that the Venkey Nabob was gone away that Tippoo was dead and the English flag flying in Seringapatam, and that Luckia Naig was gone to Animally.

Tombechi Moodelly and Commyreddy are now in Veerapatchi.

25 When the Circar peons came from Dava-tanapetty with Mahommed Saib this Audy Month, to attack Peelatoor — all the inhabitants run away and I with them — Aulwarpillay — Soobramany Chetty Myarnarpreearum and some Parians went off by Iyem-pollam Comby Pujaury Naig and his family & some of his adherents went away to the Southward — The ryots soon returned to their Village, and as I was going

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there, the Circar people seized me — took away some Toys — I had in my hands & put me in prison —

26 Aulwarpillays Confidants were Coty Malie hen a Puller — Culingapaun — Poothen — Curmauler — Columthy Sundy — these people are now in Peelatoor —

(A true translation)

(signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Translation of a Declaration given by Alagery reddy Naulaumear of Vembarputty — 28th July 1799 —

Para 1 On the 4th of Audy or 16th July some Collories of Cariampetty in the Mellore Nauts and some of Mallarcoty of Sheraguunga Marawar Murdaspa Sherogar's Country — came together on the aforesaid night by way of Canawoypetty Convoy of Nuttum, and Carried away from a Cowpen to the westside of Vembarpetty one hundred & thirty head of Cattle — the man who attended the Cattle they bound down —

2 When they were carrying these Cattle through the Convoy I with the Custum of the Village (100 Men) and Soobanaig with his four Duffahs followed the Collories for three Cauthem 10 Miles each to Commoypetty of Seroogoody Nauts, the Collories of which place about one hundred men came up to us with the Umbalagar Caroomen — when we enquired about our bullocks they said, "the Cariampetty and Malarcotay people "took away your bullocks, we will not suffer you "to go into the Nauts with a Custum — three or

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"four of you may go - the rest must stop here" - upon which the Ryots and Circar peons came back and I with three of my people went on to Poothemungalum of Melloor to the house of Coopien the Monigar, to whom I related every thing - upon which he sent two of his people and two of mine to Cariampetty to find out the place where the Bullocks were, they went and saw in Coriampetty Munthy (a place near Villages where Cattle are kept) eleven of our Bullocks after this when making enquiries in the Village the Nautaumcar Verum Umbalagar and the Nautaumcar of Shokamanpetty Verun Umbalagar came up with thirty men and stoped them saying they must not go through the Village upon which they returned to Coopian and told him all this, he replied "Gopaul "Kistna has sent me an order to return these "Bullocks to you, but the Colleries will not "listen to my orders I will take care of the "Bullocks at Cariampetty - do you send a man "to Mallarsety of Shevagunga and tell your "Stories to the Monigar Shathupathy Umbaligar" - "I accordingly sent Veeraugooreddy & Vellien to "the Monigar who told them, that your Bullocks "are come here is very true - but I must have an "order from Murdapa Sherogar before I can return them" having got this reply they returned -

3 The news I heard in Mellore Nauts is that in consequence of Topanera Curpen and his son, having been murdered by the late Nuttum Poligar, the Cutum of the whole Nauts

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is now assembled and one Shokien the bastard son of the last Poligar's father by an Uligagarchy woman is at their head and with them makes in daily plundering incursions in the Nuttum Pollam. Vollien the brother in law of the Cum=mayputty Umpalagar Curpen told me that when the Nuttum Pollam was completely plun=dered, the Colleries intend then to make in depredations into the Dindigul District and desired me in consequence to keep the ryots very alert and careful but that now as plundering was going on in the Nuttum Pollam, I must not go home by that way. I therefore went round by Chingumpedary and Armorghaunum Coun=tries to Tembarputty.

(A true translation)
(signed) John G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

11 Nov/51
Kerala

Translation of a Declaration given by Aulwar=pillay. Dated 7th August 1799.

Para. 1st Formerly Chinnen Chetty the son of Alagesry Chetty and Nellaun Chetty Caumen were living as Corigars with Coopien Manardy of Punneaudoo but for a long time the said two people had been on very bad terms. Thus situated Nellaun Chetty Caumen having acquainted Coopien Manardy and the other people, that he must go to Iyempollam to procure medicine for a Bowel Complaint he then had upon him, set out for that place upon which Chinnen Chetty sent Coopyandy with two other people to follow him (Nellaun Chetty Cau=men) and watch a good opportunity to murder

him

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him; but none such offering on the road thus went on to Syempollam where Nellaun Chetty Caumen was living in the house of Cummaulen Chetty and suspecting when he saw these three people, that they had some evil design against him - he seized and put them in Iron writing an olah at the same time to Coopien Manardy at Punnecaudoo which he sent by the hand of Cummaulen Chetty, in which he desired to know what fault he had committed, and why people were sent to murder him - When the olah was delivered by the aforesaid person to Coopien Manardy he sent off to Taundigoody to Mungala Manardy - We and some Corigars to come and enquire into the business -

2 When the aforesaid people were assembled in Coopien Manardy's house the olah was read, Chinnen Chetty was called for & asked what all this affair was - he replied, that he had never sent any people to murder him (Nellaun Chetty Caumen) upon which the people assembled wrote him an Olah in the following term - "If you, Cooly Chetty, and Cummaulen Chetty "come to Minelloor, two Arbitrators from among "us shall meet you there and bring you to Punni"caudoo where the matter in question shall be enquired "into, and whoever it shall appear has been in fault shall "be impaled" - After this the assembly retired each to his separate abode and I went to Taundigoody - At the same time Coopien Manardy Telinger Chetty and others conversing together, the former sent word by a

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man to Cumnaulen Chetty. That it was he himself, who had ordered Nellaun Chetty Caumen to be murdered, and that he must not therefore come there. Nellaun Chetty Caumen remained in consequence at Iyempollam but in a few days he became reconciled to Coopien Manardy, who thro' the interference of the Battagoontah Bramins made oath in the Pagoda of Vengalamoodiarl Peelatoor that he would never deceive Nellaun Chetty Caumen, upon which they went together to Punnicaudoo.

3 For some days they continued in friendly intercourse at this time Pulneya Pillay the Circar Monigar at Davadanapetty sent Cootty Naig to Punnecaudoo to demand from the inhabitants thereof, the balance due to him, of 1400 Chuckrums which he had imposed on them as a fine for giving protection to Pulney Vellaida Naig. Nellaun Chetty Caumen being a friend of the said Cootty Naig, took sheep fowls rice &ca. by force and presented them to him, In consequence of this the Telingers & other inhabitants with Coopien Manardy came to Taundigoodey and said they must all Remove to Parioor Mungala Manardy and I told them there was no occasion for their going away; but they would not abide by our words and went their way to Parioor. Upon which we with a few other people of Taundigoody went there with Nellaun Chetty Caumen and the Punchaloor ... Parioor people and we, enquired into the affair. it was decided that Coopien Manardy was in fault, but the assembly agreed to forgive him for this time,

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and desired the parties to Continue together on friendly terms without any disagreements, that if at any time again they should fall out they the assemble would decide the business - they then proceeded altogether to Saundigoodey wherein Curreypenderoyen Pagodas before the assemble — Chinnen Chetty and Nellaun Chetty Cawmen swore that they would live in good terms and never again quarrel with one another - after this assembly dispersed each to his respective abode -

4 Some time afterwards Pilney a Pillay of Davadanapetty sent an Olah by the hand Secunda Tauen to Nellaun Chetty Cawmen at Punnecaudoo to this effect / "If you will come to me I will act "according to your desire" Coopien Manardy hearing of this, he suspected some deceit from Nellaun Chetty Cawmen's being in Connexion with a man of the Circars, he therefore seized him put him in Irons, and he with his younger brother Chinnen Chetty and some Telinger Chettys came away to Saundigoodey, where they assembled Mungala Manardy He and some Cergars and desired that Nellaun Chetty Cawmen, might be murdered - Mungala Manardy and I told them that as the twelve Nautamcars people had before been assembled, and oath had been made before them, that they must now also be called in to decide on the affair in question, but that we Could not then allow the murder to be Committed We then sent four people to Nellaun Chetty Cawmen at Punnecaudoo, to take care that he was not murdered and related the whole affair to the Mailamally

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people but before they could come to Toundigoodey Coopien Manardy and his people went to Punnecaudoo, and notwithstanding the four people who were sent there and who endeavoured to hinder it / they / Coopien Manardy &c murdered Vellaun Chetty Cawmen

5 When the Malamally people came to Toundigoody and heard this news, they sent word by a man to Coopien, that he having comitted such an act without their knowledge they must take vengeance on him in return after which they returned to their Villages. When it was proposed to murder Vellaun Chetty Caw: men, I having opposed the measure, Coopien Manardy conceived great enmity against me which put me in a great fear, and having spoken to Mungala Manardy I went away to Paucheloor where I staid five or six months when Mungala Manardy Coopien Manardy and some Corrigars came there, assembled the four Malleyaurs and Coopien Manardy having swore before them that he harboured no deceit against me we all went together to Toundigoody

6 A Canauen of Poonacaudu being desirous of marrying with the bastard daughter of Chemba Goinden a Vellaulen, he offered a bribe of ten Chuckrums to Coopien Manardy to get his consents, this Coopien Manardy came to acquaint Mungala Manardy with whom said he could not consent to such a thing being done But nevertheless Coopien Manardy & Chinnen Chetty, without our knowledge, took the said bribe of ten fanams, and effected the marriage

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between, and Canaven - In Consequence of this Coopien Manardy and Mungala Manardy quarrelled.

7 Coopien Manardy had agreed with Mungala Manardy, that the inhabitants of Pannicaudoo should in Common pay 20 Chuckrums for the Expences of the Taundigoody Pagoda, of this part was given, but Coopien Manardy now told Mungala Manardy that he was not his Superior, that under him he would not live, and that the balance of the said money should not be paid him - This also Caused a quarrel between them - In order to enquire into & decide these affairs Mungala Manardy assembled the twelve Head Hill people, and sent Cootty Chettys son to Call Coopien Manardy who refused to Come - The twelve Hill people and the Malemally people again sent to Call him, but he refused as before -

8 Narreya Mopen and Cungen with six others having fallen out with Coopien Manardy, in Consequence of a Talinger his man, having beat them, they Came away to Mungala Manardy at Taundigoodey - and by telling him many Extraordinary things, they increased his anger much -

9 Cungen and Narreya Mopen and the others, in Consequence of his Coopien Manardys having acted in such a manner assembled the twelve Nautaumcars to go and lay waste the Village & murder him - they went part of the way & returned - Eight days after this the said Cungen Narreya Mopen, & others, with about 30 other men (peons) went to Moohyoor, but Coopien Manardy Conceiving they intended to seize him, he run away they killed

Taven

Tanien one of his men - Coopien Mainardy went to Peelatoor whence he sent Gopia Naig at Davadanapetty and got from him Vera Pillay with some peons with whom he came to Punnecaudoo - The Davadanapetty people returned in a few days - After which Coopien Manardy with Chinnen Chetty & a few Corigars went to the present Cunniwadaly Poligar's father and told him that Punnecaudoo should be made over to him, for which purpose he requested some assistance and having got Cumblynaig, Cootynaig, and some peons, he came with them to Punnecaudoo, which place he made very strong - Mungala Manardy hearing this, he assembled the Taundigoody and Paucheloor people and consulted with them, when it was agreed and two of his with two of the Paucheloor people were sent to Veerapatchee Poligar to inform that as Cunniwadaly had sent assistance to Punnacaudoo, it was desired that he would do the like to Taundigoody - The Poligar replied that if the two hundred Chuckrums he gave to Coopien Manardy's men Chinnen Chetty and Moottoovarden Chetty some time ago when he was obliged to take refuge in Vellapary, were returned to him and two hundred Chuckrums for his assistance now in all 400 Chuckrums were given to him, that he would then afford the aid required - Two hundred Chuckrums were accordingly given first and Vellaconda Serogar Narasinga Serogar and one hundred peons came away to Taundigoody - Thus we continued for three or four Months when the Cunniwadaly

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and Punnicaudoo people were quarrelling the former Came away, after which Kerryen Currgen & two of the 8 people returned to Coopien Manardy at Punnicaudoo - the other six with me and the Taundigoody people. Vella Conda serogar & Moottoovera serogar (the Veerapatchee Poligar's predaunis) with their people went at night attacked Punnacaudoo, killed Coopien Manardy's brother and two people of Peelatoor, seized two Telinger Chitty's and plundered all the Bullocks horses &ca to pay the two hundred Chuckrums for Veerapatchee expenses - these things they carried off & I returned to Taundigoodey - Coopien Manardy run off to Malemally in whose stead Cingen Karreya Mapen and Vauley Chitty were appointed by us and the Veerapatchee people to superintend the Concerns of Punnicaudoo -

10 Coopien Manardy afterwards by the assurance of the Cavoongey people Came to Taundigoody and fell at Mungala Manardy's legs to beg the fault he had Committed might be forgiven - The Parioor Paucheloor and Cavoongey people then Came and asked Coopien Manardy what was in his mind (or what he wished to be done) replied that what was passed must not be remembered by them - that he in future would listen to the orders of Mungala Manardy and Conduct himself agreeable to his desire, and that he would never use deceit to any one, to this effect he made oath to Mungala Manardy and the Arbitrators and gave a Muchelika

11 We and Veerapatchee hill people then delivered over to Coopien Manardy Karreya Mapen and Cingen desiring him to protect them as

as his Children - he having Consented thereto and made oath to them - they went together to Punnecaudoo -

12 A few days afterwards Coopien Manardy sent to Mungala Manardy to inform him that he must kill Narreya Mapen, to this no reply being made he with Cungen & his other people did murder the said Narreya Mapen -

13 Veerapatchee hill people hearing of this, they came to Mungala Manardy and demanded vengeance of him for Coopien Manardy's having murdered Narreya Mapen Mungala Manardy replied that he would make a recompense in money instead of vengeance - Money they said was not wanted they must have life for life a vengeance, this being the case, he consented one and two months afterwards Mungala Manardy sent a man to Punnicaudoo to desire Coopien Manardy would Come to him to speak about relationship, when he arrived Mungala Manardy called me & Ulleyandy's son Pyloey Andy to him, and sent us to inform the Veerapatchee hill people, that Coopien Manardy being Came to Taundigoodey they might Come & take their vengeance, but that they must not murder Cungen - we went accordingly and gave the information - on which that every night Nadaha Manardy and Veerapatchee Pauchelloor people about 100, Came to Taundigoodey murdered Coopien Manardy his Son in law Pennika Mungalen and Vauley Chetty - seized Cungen and put him in prison the next when all were assembled - Mungala Manardy Consented to be security for Cungen who having made oath that he would not use deceit to any one in future,

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and a fine of 30 Chuckrums being imposed on him, he was released from prison and with Mungala the son of Coona Mungalen was appointed to manage the affairs of Punnicaudoo, binding himself to obey the orders of Mungala Manardy. This being settled they all returned to their respective Villages.

14 A few days afterwards Pyjaury Naig sent Coorwappa Naig from Davatanapetty to Taundigoody to desire Mungalla Manardy, I and the Carigars would come there, to speak with him on some business — we returned for answer that we would neither go to him or speak to him on any business.

15 Not long afterwards two Sepoys came and informed us that Mr. Wynch desired us to come to him at Davatanapetty. We returned for answer that we could not go to Davadanapetty but that we would go to Dindigul (if desired) we gave them batta and they went away.

16 About one Month from the time Pyjaury Naig having come to an agreement with Cungen and Conden of Punnicaudoo, they came by that way with 200 or 300 Peons to Arlangary, with the intent to seize Mungala Manardy. We and some of the Carigars and to plunder Taundigoody. When we heard of the approach of this Army, we were very vigilant and they retreated. Cungen with his people and a few ryots of Peelatoor with their Bullocks Calves &c. went with him (Pyjaury Naig) to Davatanapetty.

17 There they remained for some time when all but Cungen Sholiarn & Curreyarn returned with their Bullocks &ca to Punnicaudoo and Peelatoor: Upon which the Panchaloor people were called to Taundigoody, before whom the Peelatoor and Punnicaudoo inhabitants were brought, and ordered not to attend to the orders

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of Cungen in future, but to obey Coona Mungalen & Sholavarm Poojaury, who were appointed to the management of Punnicaudoo, and who were desired to reconcile the ryots, and afford them every assistance.

18 The Paucheloor people then returned to their Villages, and we Continued in Taundigoodly.

19 Some months subsequent to this Cungen Sholiarn, and Curryarn, collected a small party of peons, and committed mischief about Punnicaudoo and other places in the hills, plundering some and endeavouring to drive the inhabitants away from others — in consequence of which Mungala Manardy and I and the other people consulted together, called for the Pulliers from Peelatoor, and sent them to bring away 26 Bullocks of Cungen's that were at Parlamallay they went accordingly and brought them away to Taundigoody — Cungen then came to Punnicaudoo where he seized 4 or 5 people killed three of them and took the other two with him.

20 Of the aforesaid 26 Bullocks. 4 were given to Paucheloor people 3 to Mungala Manardy the others were sold and the money applied to making rings for the Pulliers wrists.

21 In a months time from hence Pyjaury Naig sent Alagary Naig to Taundigoodly, to Mungala Manardy — "Your forefathers and mine "having lived together in former times on very good "terms, we must continue the same now — what "occasion can there be for enmity between us — "You will therefore allot a place for me to live in, "in the hills. We the Paucheloor and other people of Veerapatchee having consulted together, a message was returned to Pyjary Naig, that he might come to Peelatoor. He and his people came there accordingly, and in about ten days, he Cungen

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and some others of his adherents went to Nakarrinittee putty whence they sent a man to Taundigoodey and called to him, when we went he said, "as in Carula Pujaury Naig's time you and him afsisted each other, so we must do now and ever" this was agreed to, both he & we took oaths as also did Cungen they then returned to Peelatoor, and we went to Taundigoodey.

22 When Cungen went away he promised to come to Taundigoody in eight days but he never came. In three or four Months from hence Pujaury Naig afsembled a few men and went to Dauxtana-putty, where he ordered a man to kill Verapillay-putty, where he ordered a man to kill Verapillay a short time after his return to Peelatoor he came with his people to Culputty of Gungawarputty, whence they seized and brought away some Bullocks and Sheep 30 or 40 of the sheep were sent by Chemban Chetty to be sold in Taundigoody and Cavoongeyoor the money was given to Pujaury Naig. Two sheep each he gave to Mungala Manardy and me to get some of the bullocks he sent to Taundigoody for the Culti-vation, but they were returned to him by us. The Remainder of the Bullocks and sheep were given back to Culputty ryots, when they came up to Peelatoor to speak to Poojaury Naig, and made oaths to him, that they would in future give him afsistance this I heard only. When Pujary Naig plundered the aforesaid Bullocks from Culputty Neither I Mungala Manardy nor any of the Taundi-goodey people either went, or shared any of the plunder with him

23 Eight days after this Pujaury Naig sent a man to me at Taundigoody, to say there were some known in Canavoyputty, whom he must seize, and to desire that I

would

send some people to assist him, I accordingly sent Coona Mungalen and five or six people of Punnicaudoo there with Pijaury Naigs and the Peelatoor people went to Canavoypetty where they seized Paupa Pillay Cunneyapilly Moottoocaumarchya Pillay and two Bramins brought them away to Peelatoor and confined them. From the Bramins he (Pijaury Naig) took some money and released them. The other people they were kept in Irons.

24 Thus were things happening when Mungala Manardy's Bullocks came to feed in my Punjee lands which caused a quarrel between him and me and Mungala Manardy's people Coopen Mapen Curryvalen Colunthavalen Cummauler Mapen & Mooliyer Manardy all spoke together and thought about putting me to death. Knowing this I assembled the people the people of Taundigoody and Caunanoor and moved to them that these people had thoughts of killing me, upon which the aforesaid six people confessed it after which parts of the ryots attached themselves to me and part to him.

25 I sent away a man before Mungala Manardy to inform the Paucheloor inhabitants, that the said people had meditated my death and that I had proved the fact. When Manardy Nadapen and the Paucheloor people heard of it, they sent to tell the Veerapatchee Poligar, who sent Vellacondasherugar with three other people to Paucheloor, from whence they went with the inhabitants thereof to Taundigoodey. On the night of their arrival, Mungala Manardy & his adherents run away thro' fear to Cavooneymally Vellaconda serogar. Paucheloor Manardy and Nadapen sent a man to

to Call Mungala Manardy who said if Pujaury Naig and the other parties would Come and give him Confidence, he would then go with them - Pujaury Naigs men Chembenchetty and Veranapillay went accordingly with the other parties and it was decided that if on enquiry into the dispute, it should be proved that Aulwarpilly was in fault the Veerapatchee Poligar would be answerable for him if Mungala Manardy should be found guilty, that Pujaury Naig should be answerable for him - When the matter was thus settled they brought away Mungala Manardy to Taundigoody - who on his arrival there sent his brother in law to Call Pujaury Naig, who when he Came away left Doomen with a guard of men Pelatoor - When the business was enquired into at Taundigoody by all the parties - The aforesaid six people of Mungala Manardy's having Confessed the truth that they did meditate the death of Aulwarpillay - The Veerapatchee Pujaury Naig - Pauchetoor and Perioor people Consulted together, and sent Veerapatchee's men - Matheaney Yettun and Pujaury Naigs man Nyarnarpreeaudum with Coopen Mapen - Curryvalen - Coluntheyalen & Cummauler Mapen - into the woods where they murdered them all - Mungala Manardy & his other people were seized and put in Irons - All Coluntheyvalen's property was seized and divided between Pujaury Naig and Veerapatchee -

26 In 10 days Mungala Manardy & all his people were released from prison - he

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being kept in Taundigoody and the others de-
-livered over to the Periocrars who went with
them to Perioor. During the time the other
people remained in Taundigoody the Circar
Army came to Peelatoor, released Moottosaw-
-maucheepilly Paupa Pillay and Cunneyapilly
and took them away with them. Poomen came
away to Pyjaury Naig at Taundigoodey having
shot one Moonnaun, when the Circar party came
to Pulatoor.

27 The Taundigoody people conceiving
that Cungen and the Punnicaudars had given assistance
to the Circar party, and brought them to Pulatoor, they
went against Punnicaudoo, plundered the Village
killed two or three people and returned to Autengavy
Canavoy. At this time three Cooly loads of ammi-
-nution came from Veerapatchee.

28 The next day the Circar party
and Cungen went to Punnicaudoo and garrisoned it but
they returned back again in five or six days.

29 I and the Pelatoorars swore to
assist Pyjaury Naig at all times and occasions and
all the parties dispersed to their Villages. I Munga-
-la Manardy and Pyjaury Naig remained in Taundigoody.

30 In a few days Moottoovera Serogar
the Pradaun came from Veerapatchee to Perioor, and
sent for me and Mungala Manardy. Pyjaury Naig's
men Chemben Chetty and Veerana Pillay some Carigars
and the Pauchelooraro, to come to him. He ordered
that Mungala Manardy and his adherents and Aul-
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-warpilly and his adherents, should in future live on friendly terms, without any quarrelling & that whoever should make any disturbance in future must pay a fine of 1100 Chuckrums. Both of us having sworn to this effect in Mungalanauthaswamy Pagoda and entered into a Moochelika - they sent us back to Saundigoody and Moottoovera Serogar with his people returned to Veerapatchee - When he went away he desired Mungala Manardy to call away some of his people who were in Minelloor a man was accordingly sent, but they would not come -

31 During the time Pyjaury Naigs people remained in Saundigoodey I gave them rice by Mungala Manardy's order and allotted homes to them. Caluthavaley's bullocks (26) were all sold, one half of the money arising therefrom was given to the Panchaloorars and the remaining share divided between me - Parea Muntharey's son - and Pylney Mooten by order of Mungala Manardy -

32. Two or three Months after this Pyjaury said that as he must send one of his people to the Horsemen (the late Tippoo's people) that he must have some money for his Expences - I and Pylney Mooten accordingly lent him 10 Chuckrums each, which we gave into the hand of Commyreddy. We Pyjaury Naig sent with Ryarnar precausum from Saundigoodey by way of Veerupatchee to the Horsemen, desiring them to speak to him about the business he wished to be done for himself -

33 They went accordingly, to Hangyem, where thro the interference of Luckia Naique they had an audience with the Benky Nabob, who said to them; "Luckia Naig and the Veerapatchee Poligar's man Tom-"beche Moodelly have before been to speak to me about "the latter's business they asked for the Cummiradoly "Pylney & Godumbum Districts to annexed to his - I "told them that so soon as I came down to the "Dindigul Districts &ca. I would give an order for the "aforesaid three Countries being made over to him" –

34 Commy reddy Nyarnar Freecaucum then asked him to invest Pujaury Naig with the Government of Dauatanapetty Gandapetty Veda-gerry Culpetty & Shookoonacaudoo the Binky told them it should be done so he then gave them letter to Veerapatchee and Pujaury Naig about this business Commy reddy sent an Oleh with the letter to Pujaury Naig by Nyarnar Freecaucum.

35 Commy reddy and Tombeche Moodelly came afterwards to Veerapatchee from the Binky Nabob and told the Poligar all he had said which pleased the Poligar so much that he gave Commy reddy two horses clothes &ca. and money for his ex-pences, which he also gave the Tombeche Moodelly and sent both back to the Binkey Nabob.

36 Thus they continued going backwards and forwards from the Poligar, and Veerapatchee sent all the news that passed to Pujaury Naig.

37 A few months afterwards a Moorman having letters from Seringapatam to Pondicherry came

Came attended by four other Horsemen and three bullock loads of Utensils, with Commyreddy from the Venkey Nabob to Veerapatchee where he staid one day. The Poligars gave him the fowls, rice &ca. and sent him the next day with ten of his people by the hill ways to Saundigoodey where they arrived there. I and Pujaury Naig gave them fowls rice &ca. the next day Pujaury Naig sent ten of his people to attend Abdul Cubby and his people. they went at night by way of Davatanapetty Comby and Guntapanaigoor to the bounds of Murdapa-dero-=gar's Country where Commereddy and Veerapatchee's people and ours left him the former returned to Veerapatchee and Commyreddy went the next day to the Binkey Nabob at Harryem who wrote to the Veerapatche Poligar about five or six days afterwards "That Tippoo Camp was coming down the Ghauts "and would be in this District in seven or eight days "desiring him consequence to inform all the Poligars "thereof, who would give any assistance". Veera=-patche sent letter to the same effect from the Binkey Nabob to Pujaury Naig to inform him that as the Horse Army would come down to their Country in four or five days, that he must not Continue idle, but collect people, go and plunder Gungowarpetty and get money for the expences. Pujaury Naig came on receipt of this intelligence to demand assistance from Mungala Manardy. I and twenty or thirty men went to Pujaury Naig in Consequence, and with Pelrey Mooten Ponia Naig-Veranapilly-Chembun Chetty

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and about forty of Pyjaury Naig's peons were all assembled and went by way of Moongelauuy Comby to Yendapilley of Peraeolum whence we plundered 110 Bullocks and brought them away by Paulamally to Taundigoody and delivered them to Pyjaury Naig - Chemben Chetty and Veranapilly sold some of them and gave the money to Pyjaury Naig - Some he gave to his peons for their pay - some he sent to Valapa Gounden of Pulatoor for his Cultivation, two he gave to Narka Manardy of Perumpullum in the Taeroody Poligars hills - Thus were all the Bullocks disposed of -

38 Ten or fifteen days after this Nerreya Manardy of Punnicaudoo, hearing that Cungen was come to Mooligoor, he came to Taundigoody to speak to us about seizing him - I went in consequence with Pyjary Naigs peons to Mooligoor, but Cungen hearing of it, run away I brought away from thence 23 Bullocks to Taundigoody - of these six were given to Nerreya Manardy's Gonden of Punnicaudoo - two to Mungala Manardy three to me - the remainder were sold to the ryots of Taundigoody and the money taken by Pyjaury Naig

39 Ten days afterwards Mungala Manardy's five people came from Minelloor in the night to him at Taundigoody, and spoke to him about deceiving / endeavouring to murder / me - and returned again - When I knew of this I told Mungala Manardy before Nadapen - that I knew five people had come to him from Minelloor in the night to consult about using deceit towards me, and desired him to tell me on what account all this had happened - he replied that the five people should not

not again come from Meriellore, and that no deceit should be used against me. I told him if he did deceive me the Verapatchee Pauchelorars and Perior=ars would come and seize his house & burn it and carry him and all his people away. Nadapen also told Mungala Manardy he must allow such wicked things to be done.

40 Not long afterwards Mungala Manardy & Parea Muntherey's son with all their followers went away to Pauchelore. I sent Pylney Moottoo & Oolyandy's son with six others of my people to recall them from Pauchelore. They went accordingly but remained with Mungala Manardy. Coopa Moo=ten the son in law of Nadapen of Pauchelore came to me, and informed that his father in law had a peon and Mungala Manardy intended coming in a few days to Taundigoody to murder me. I told this to Pujaury Naig, who sent one of his Men to Mungala Manardy, to say that we must continue to live on the same friendly terms we before made oath to, he desired him (Mungala Manardy) to come back again. He replied "that so long "as either Pujaury Naig or Aulwarpilly remained "in Taundigoody, he would not come there. that "he would not continue in friendship with us. and "that if we remained in Taundigoody, he would "come in the day time and fire the place". In consequence of this message Pujaury said he would give me a Maniem and take care of me and that I should for ever stay with him. To this

effect

effect he gave a Muchilika — We then set fire to Taundigoody and went to Peelatoor — Pujaury Naig sent a Chit to the Ryots of Culputty, desiring them to send him 10 Chuckrums by a Chaunaun for his Expences, another Chit he sent to the Puthupetty Ryots by Shota Curpen to demand money from them; but they refusing to give it, threw away the Chit. I came a few days afterwards with Pujaury Naigs and the Pulatoor people and plundered from thence some Bullocks & sheep. Two ryots were killed by Shota Curpen — While on our Return the Circar people followed us and took back some of the bul=locks and sheep. The remainder 130 Bullocks and 410 Sheep I brought to Peelatoor Veranapilly was then sent to the Nauts to bring thirty Colleries, when they were Coming, they went and set fire to some houses in Canavoyputty took away some Paddy from Caumauchiammen Pagoda which they beat into rice and eat — and then came to Pulatoor Veranapilly was now sent back with the thirty Colleries to the Nauts and took with him 60 Bullocks which he was ordered to sell and bring the money — Veeranapilly never returned to Pulatoor — Pujaury Naig likewise sent for Vada Chinnama Naig of Codingamanaikenputty of Cunnivaddy, to whom he gave eighteen bul=locks to sell and one as an Inam — and ordered him to bring the money as soon as the Bullocks were sold.

41 Nine bullocks he gave to Kistnah of Shetaravoo which he had before borrowed of him. The Cunnivaddy Poligar hearing of this sent for the Nine bullocks given to Kistnah and the 19 given to Vadachimama Naig sent them all to the Circar and Confined those two people for some days in prison — he soon afterwards re=leased them — Pyjaury Naig gave me twenty one Bul=locks in lieu of 11 Chuckrums 6 fanams he borrowed of me before — They are now in Pulatoor the other twenty one of the bullocks were kept for Pyjaury Naigs culti=vation — Of the sheep two and three were given to each of the ryots and peons for pay — 70 were sold to Peehegooty and Soobramany of Iyempollam for fifteen Chuckrums — 4 were given to me —

42 At this time news came from Seringapatam to the Verapatchee Poligar, that Tippoo was still living upon which he gave sugar to the people in Village and rejoiced — This I heard —

43 One Month after this the Circar Army to Pulatoor the peons who were on the watch came and told Pyjaury Naig and me of it, upon which I sent all my family with the Village people into the woods, I and Soobramany Pilly also Concealed ourselves in the woods — where we staid two nights — on the third morning we went to the house of Kistnah at Chitteravoo in Iyempollam

Country

Country who carried in the next day to the Cunnivaddy Poligar — The Poligar said to me "Do "you remain here I will give you a livelihood:— "I shall now give you 200 peons with whom you will "go to Pulatoor, and without mentioning that they "are my people, you will collect others where you "can and make the Circar people go down from "thence" — I told him I could not do so, but that if he would provide me a livelihood in Cunni-waddy I would obey his orders and act accordingly — he said it should be so — I staid one day in the Poligar's house in Sundigoor the next I was carried away to the house in the Rajah Downy where I staid two days and on the third they placed a guard of ten peons over me and sent me to Ahtoor —

44 — When I left Pulatoor Pyjaury Naig and his family were in the Village which way they went away I dont know — I saw my first wife and two Children as I was going to Iyempollam and told them to go for protection to Raichetoor or any other place they liked — where they went I know not —

45 While I lived in Taundigoody I obeyed the orders of Mungala Manaraly and while in Pulatoor those of Pyjaury Naig — I have done nothing of my own accord —

(signed) Ailwarpilly

(A true Translation)

(signed) John G Ravenshaw

Asst. Collr.

Translation of a Declaration given by Shota Curpen 31st July 1799.

Para 1

Some years ago my father and mother came from Ariputty in Areoor Nauts, in Consequence of a famine, to Battagoontah, here they stayed two days and then went to Canavoyputty where they got a livelihood by serving Pulney Andey Pillay and Ananthenchetty

2 At the time Gopia Naig went away from Davatanaputty, I came to Buttagoontah.

3 When Pyjaury Naig was placed on the Puttum of Davatanaputty, the ryots of Canavoyputty Came and took me back to that Village there I was living when Davatanaputty was pufled by the Company upon which Pyjaury Naig took himself away to Shary Dary where he staid only a few days and then went to Pulatoor. After this he sent Nymar-precauaum Poomien Sherogar & Terumaliyen Sherogar with 30 or 40 Peons to seize and bring to him me - my sister and brother - Moottoo Caumauchy Pillay Cunniapen & Paupapillay these people came accordingly and Carried away me and the three aforesaid ryots with all our sheep to the hills, the ryots of which place released me and told me I must serve, with Pyjaury Naigs peons who was at that time in Pulatoor Mungala Manardy his brother Coopaun his brother-in law Mapen Cammaula Mapen of Cermanoor Caryvalem & Colunthavaly Pyjaury were all concealing themselves in Vilputty of Malemally for

fear

fear of Aulwarpillay.

4 At this time Aulwarpillay had sent to Veerapatchee for Vellaconda Serogar and some peons to come to his assistance at Taundigoody they came accordingly. About this Period Mungala Manardy sent Parea Manardy and Mapen to Pyjaury Naig to request him to come and settle the dispute between him and Aulwarpilly. Pyjaury Naig did not go, but sent his man Veranapillay to Vilputty who by Pyjaury Naig's desire swore by the Yellatauny (style) that he Pyjaury Naig had no deceit but intentions towards Mungala Manardy, and desired him to come & meet him on a certain day at Taundigoody. Pyjaury Naig himself went at the time to Taundigoody, and made a great noise with blowing of Horns, when Mungala Manardy heard this he and his people went there and spoke with Pyjaury Naig.

5 Aulwarpillay being afraid of some thing went away with Vellaconda Serogar & his people and hid themselves in the woods, upon which Pyjaury Naig sent his man Shemben Chetty to Aulwarpillay to make oath that no deceit was intended against him, and called him back to Taundigoody. Pyjaury Naig and he having spoke together, they sent a person round the Village to assemble the Cutum which done they seized Mungala Manardy and his people about 20 and put them in Irons and plundered every thing that

was in their hanus- One of them Coluntharaly Pu-
=jaury they beat very much, till they made him -
tell where his property was - which at last he gave up.
it was one Shumboo full of Soyes money &ca - The property
was all divided into three parts - one was sent by Vellaconda
Sherogar and Chemben Chitty to Veerapatchee Poligar - The
other two divided between Aulwarpillay & Pujaury
Naig -

6 The next day they sent of Mungala Manardy's
people who were confined - his Younger Brother Coopaun - his
brother in law Napen - Culunthavaley Poojaury - Caury
Valen and Cummaulavalen with a party of people
to Shungotumputty hills where they were all murdered

7 Mungala Manardy heard of this
about ten days afterwards, but he remained quiet &
spoke of it to no one - In one Month from this time -
Mungala Manardy and the rest of his people were -
released by Aulwarpillay and Pujaury Naig desired
to remain without fear in the Village - here they
lived three Months at the Expiration of which time
Vellaconda Sherogar and his people returned to Veera
=patchee and Mungala Manardy having no confidence
in Pujaury Naig and Aulwarpillay went off to Pauche=
=loor, his people soon followed him there

8 Pujaury Naig and Aulwarpillay
Conceiving Mungala Manardy would in Conjunction
with the Paucheloor hill people Concert some mis=
=chief against them - they set fire to Paundigoody's

four

four places and drove all their bullocks away to Pulatoor—

9 After the fire of Mungala Manardy's people were murdered and while he stayed in the Village—Auluvarpillay collected about 40 or 50 of the Village people with matchlocks and 6 of Poojaury Naig's men, of whom I was Poomia Sherogar and Terumaley Sherogar were others and went with them by way of Paulamally to Pereacolum, when they plundered from one hundred to 130 Bullocks and brought them away to Pulatoor. Of these Aulwarpilly Sheriben Chetty, and Veranapillay sold some—and some Pujaury Naig kept for his own Cultivation—

10 After Taundigoody was fired. I the hill people and fifteen men of Yeteapoorum of Cunni-wuddy, who Came from thence with the Poligar's Elder sister Poomunny Poojaury Naig's Mother in law, to Pulatoor were all assembled by Pujaury Naig's order and went with Aulwarpully to Puthupully of Butta-goontah whence we plundered from 100 to 150 Bullocks and two flocks of sheep: two Sotliers of the Village were killed by Kynarpreeaum of Yeteapoorum and one wounded. The sheep and bullocks were brought away to Pulatoor—

11 After this Pujaury Naig and Aulwar-pillay sent for some Cotton from Sheriputty—Nellatawen-putty and Werinchelumputty these with Terumaly Sherogar—Pomiah Sherogar—Kynarpreeaum and his people

people went to set fire to Canavoypetty of Davalana=
=petty they went accordingly fired the Village and
wounded my sister -

12 Pujaury Naig sent Veranapilly with
these Colleries to the Nauts by way of Iyempollam
Comby. They took with them 48 Bullocks worth 30
fanams each but to be sold for 15 each in Nauts - but
Veranapillay who was to sell the Cattle and get the
money never returned -

13 He likewise sent for Vadachinama Naig
and two Chacklers from Codinganaiguenpetty to whom
he gave 40 Bullocks to sell this money was never sent - He
gave a few sheep to his peons to eat at the rate of one
for every 2 or 3 Men - the remaining Bullocks are in
Pulatoor -

14 The Sherogar of Pujaury Naig's peons
was Ayaunapeecausum this man with Poojaury
Naig's Horn blowers son Poley and Lingapen - came
with Aulwarpillay on the 23d Instant in the
morning to Chitteravoo - The next day, they went to
Cunniwadoly - Their families are there in the Sundiar
Pauriars Quarter -

15 Aulwarpillay's head people were a
Piller - Cotamalichen now at Pulatoor - Colun Co=
=panen Vornien - Cummaulen Coluntheyandy=
Cavey an Acambuddy - they know all his secrets
Pujaury Naig and Aulwarpillay sent one Commyreddy
some time ago through Verapatchee to Tippoo's people

Again

again they sent Shaunaun Pichigoody & ottauchacauren to Veerapatchee to learn the news of Tippoo they are not yet returned –

16 Last year when the Circar people went up the Hill – Aulwarpillay & Pujaury Naig with their people and Condama Naig Monegar of Veerapatchee's hill Villages with about 100 men of Perior and Patchelor were together in Taundigoody They were all very vigilant and kept Adyputys in all the paths and enterances to the place – I was then with them – Our ammunition came from Veerapatchee – Mungala Manardy was at this time in Irons and some peons were in Pulatoor – Three of whom when the Circar people came there were killed and two wounded – At this time Golapa Naig's bastard brother Poonien was in Pulatoor –

17 When Aulwarpilly heard the Circar people were coming up the hill on the morning of the 22^d Instant he run away – when the Circar people came near Pulatoor – Pujaury Naig and his ^whole family Ponien Sherogar – Perumaly Sherogar & Aulwarpilly's son Mootien & his Mother in law Sholyappen went away to Gellamaddy –

From Mr Ravenshaw to T B Hurdis 29th July 1799

Remarks on letter & accompaniments

Para 2. Pujaury Naig with Conyreddy his confidential man got possession of the hill Villages of Pulatoor, Taundigoody and Punnicaudoo 1796 – after his dispossession and by the assistance of Aulwarpillah plundered incessantly the North

range

range of the Dindigul Valley, assisted by Yellamnaady.

The hill people belonging to these Villages were independant of both Sirkar and Poligars - the Villages as they are called are closes - a few miserable pullers inhabiting them - they have usually been made hiding places for plundered property and when the Manardy (head of the hills who stiles himself king of the nine hundred hills) was powerful the Cowl Poligars paid him a tribute for the privilege of placing their plunder &ca. under his protection.

Para 4 The first murder by Pujaury Naig was his former Predaun Verapilly 2d. March 1797 - with another ryots of Dauitanapetty 1st May 1797 he fired - Gungouarpetty, murdered two ryots - 6th June plundered Canavoypetty carried off ryots six and murdered one.

Para 5 Mungala Manardy was confined by Aulwarpillay his predaun, who in the acts of outrage he committed always made use of the Manardys name

Para 6 The Yellamnady Poligar has always supplied his son Poojaury Naig with ammunition and necessaries - and his connection with the Colleries of the Puloor Varadum, has enabled him to send him at different times many men - The Character of these men Comprehending and Pujaury Naig has been delineated by Mr. Wynch in Letters 21st March 1795 - Their subsequent conduct (for particulars of which vide - the whole of the declarations accompanying) will perhaps not prejudice your board in favor of them -

Para 7 The Assistant Collector was so fortunate as to seize Aulwarpillah (vide his declaration No. 10

No. 10) whose relation of Circumstances is true, but the whole was under the orders of himself not of Mungala Manardy.

Para 9 Gopia Naig of Sundioor was lived very quietly in Syempollam since 1797 he has often given information of intended plundering parties which have in Consequence been prevented

Para - 15 The keeping a strong guard here is in my opinion of the utmost Consequence it gives an easy opening into the Hills at the back of Veerapatchee and Cunnimaddy and renders them more assailable and prevents a strong and safe asylum for plunder being used by the Colleries. The Conduct of the Veerapatchee Poligar on this occasion will be explained to your Board in the accompanying declarations which will shew the necessity of the measure I have adopted in directing the peons to remain there the Chief reason of the Veerapatchee Poligars dislike, is that it Commands the roads to his hill Villages of Pauchaloor and Parioor which naturally strong are made more so by numerous Tatta Connected with the Comblies of this Poligar

Para 20, Vide Declaration No. 9. This declaration Explains the subjects the confusion in the Pollam of Nuttum has arisen from the conduct of the late Poligar towards the Melloor Colleries.

No. 2

Arzee from the Cunnimaddy Poligar 28th July 1799

Para 2 The stile of this Poligars always obedient what dependance was to be placed on his promise, if the Assistant Collector's order had not

not been enforced by some steady peons, may be seen by the declaration of Soobramany No. 7

Aluarpillah was at the time the Poligars wrote this at Cunniwaddy in the rajah Dewmy Vide Soobra-=many's Declaration No. 7.

No. 4

Urzee from the Cunniwaddy Poligar received 28th July 1799

Para 1 The Pursuit after the murdered Auluar-=pilly was too certain to admit of doubt. The whole of this letter is an artful falsity as the Pillah went to Cunniwaddy on assurances of protection from the Poligar by Kistniah of Shedaravoo.

No. 8

Mauriapa Chetty's Declaration Dated 1st August 1799

Para Verapilly remark murdered with another ryot of Dewlanapetty 2d March 1797

Para 4 From many reports (none certain) I have understood the Veerapatchee Poligar used to plunder the property concealed in the hills in 1793 he is said to have carried off an immense booty.

Para 6 The cause of this murder I cannot ascertain, but it would appear to have been committed from suspicion of the like from Narreapa Mapen.

Para 7 It can hardly be necessary to call the attention of your board to this most perfidious murder these are the people who so loudly call out against breaking Cowle.

Para 9 The Verapatchee Poligar has always supported

supported Aulwarpillah- Vide Declaration No. 8

This is according to the abominable usage in the Nabob's Country, called Madestum, which always ends in giving the interfering persons the chief authority.

Para 12 I do not comprehend what this can allude to. In October 1796 I sent two peons into the hills with orders that the Manardy should open the roads- This was on the Complaint of merchants, that they were interrupted in their traffic through the hills, but the roads were not opened and the merchants did not afterwards use them.

I directed the seizure of Pujaury Naig after the murder of Verapillay on the 2d March 1797, and the peons several times followed the Colleries and parties of Pujaury Naig into the hills with success.

Vide Shota Curpens' Declaration No. 11

Para 13 The Perpetrators of this murder were Veerapatches men- Mutthyanny and Yettun and Pujaury Naig's man Nynarprecausum. Vide Alwarpillay's Declaration No. 16 and Shota Curoopen's No. 11

Para 14 The objects of Veerapatche in trying to reconcile the contending parties was from fear the Sirkar should find out the enormities practised The Correction of which he well knew would weaken his power by having an easy access to his Comby's thro the hills-

Para 15 The Predatory incursions of Pujaury

and

and the Collerie, had caused me to direct the peons to endeavour to get hold of him and his people wherever he or they might be certain information of the banditti being in Purnicaudoo was received - the Peons went there and drove Pujaury Naig's banditti out, and rescued the ryots carried from Canavoypetty on the 6th June - Pujaury Naig escaped favoured by Veerapatche - Conda Monigar the Vakeel of Veerapatche is well known on record - an active - daring enterprizing Villain -

Para 17 These bullocks were the property of the Vadagerry Poligar - Whose pollam was to have been given to Pujaury Naig with Davatanapetty for the assistance he was to have rendered the Sultauns man Gauze Cawn in plundering the Country - which the vigilance of the Sibendy prevented -

Para 18 Mungala Manardy at this time made his escape from the confinement he had been in under Pujaury Naig and Aulwarpillah

Para 19 Taundigoody was burnt in January last

Para 20 This outrage was committed 25th May last

Para 21 This outrage was committed 31st May last

Para 23 The name of this Moorman was Abdul Nabby, he is the same man met by an Hircarah of mine above the Ghauts on 19th August 1798 and noted to your board in my letter of the 7th December - My peons missing him is now accounted for, by his going through the hills, to the Naurts -

Para 24 In reading this I beg to call the attention of your Board to the Declaration of Permaul

Sawmy

Sawmy pillah dated 16th March 1799 and sent to your Board in letter dated 22d March 1799 which altho' not making mention of the horse does of Tombeche Moodely's mission — which this declaration strongly Corraborates as does Aulwarpillay.

Latter part of Do. I do not believe one word of this the disturbance in Avanasse was from some turbulent Gours, who collected what rabble they could to plunder those with whom they were at enmity — and the loss in property and life fell on the Servants of the Sultaun's Sirkar all of whom were plundered and many murdered.

Para 25 Pujaury Raig is now at Yellamady he was seen there by my Hircarahs three days since — I am using every means to get hold of him without disturbance. The Collector of Southern Peishcush is advised of my claims on him —

No. 10

Aulwarpillah's Declaration Dated 7th August 1799

Para 1 On what account this murder was intended I do not distinctly find out — I think merely on account of disagreements.

3 This was in Syd Saheb's management but the declarer is very desirous of confounding times.

4 By Malemally people are meant the people of the western hills, but here it particularly alludes to the people of Varapateke hills — The murder is said to have been perpetrated in November

17th

17th 1795

5th Alwarpillay himself was the instigator of every excess, and appears to me from the general tenor of his declaration independant of reports to have been always influenced by the Veerupatchee Poligar who always assisted him and afforded him protection when the effect of his intrigues spirited the hill people against him — Pauchelcor and Parioor are the principal Contys of Veerapatchee —

7 *

9 This happened about 10th or 12th January 1796 & this a strong proof how little right the Poligars possess to lands they hold as they say of the Sirkar — Punnicaudoo (literally the hog jungle) is merely an asylum in the hills for banditti, but as it Commands Merilloor and other Villages in the hills belonging to the Pollam of Cunnimadoly it was an object of great importance for the Poligar to possess it.

* about 88 or 89 when Syed Saheb drove him from his pollam

* about the end of January 1796.

The sending this worthless man the predaun Moottoo vera, shows the consequence of the keeping well with the Mallyalums this about 14th March 1796

10 Veerapatchee hill Villages

* The word "ise decist" literally means murder and ought generally to be translated so

12 The murder was committed about 22d July 1796

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1796 in Consequence of a quarrel between Narreya & Mapen and Cungen.

13 The word vengeance should be satisfaction or exchange. The idea of blood for blood as well among the Colleries as the Poligars, is positive law and a register of those on whom an unsatisfied man has a Claim of this sort is hand from son to son as duty necessary to be performed. vengeance has been known to be taken thirty or forty years afterwards & this horrid acts was perpetrated about 23d or 24 August 1796

& Mungala Manardy sent Cungen in June to the Assistant Collector to beg the Sirkar assistance to drive Pijaury Naig & his band from the hills.

15 Said to be September 1796

& I cannot comprehend what this can allude to, I came to Dindigul 23d September and heard nothing of this.

17 Peoples wholly in the interest of Veerapatch.

19 This act is reported to have been committed about the beginning of December, 1796.

21 & About 23d December 1796

22 Veerapatche was murdered the 2d March at Devatanapetty.

& March 1797

& this was in consequence of their fears which were not a little raized by his murders.

23 This people were released by the Sirkar peons in October 1797, when the attempt to seize Pijaury

Pujaury Naig in Punnicaudoo was made he had by these means collected between three & four hundred Chuckrums besides the plunder he got from them.

25 Your Board will here see the dependance which this man places on the Veerapatchee people and their readiness against the party he is in Con-tention with

& a Remarkable strong instance of Veerapachee's influence Pojaury Naig begins here to be necessary.

It is said but I have not proof that the cons-piracy against Autwarpillah was in Consequence of the death of Coopien in August 1796 and the barbarity exercised by Autwarpillah over the Ma-nardy whom he had a very long time in Irons. Veerapatchee's men the Chief actors in both horrid scenes

26 In October 1797 Another instance of the ascendancy of Veerapatchee. Their predaums Moottoowera is too well known on the records of Dinidigul to need any particular introduction of him from me.

30 Minellour belongs to Cunnivadoy

31 Veerapatchee people

32 I have reason to think this relates but I have no proof) to the intrigue Veerapatchee had Commenced with the Sultaun, tho Luckia Naig which was planned at Curriampulty in Veerapatchee by the two Poligars the latter end of October and beginning of November 1799 what Corroborates this opinion is that Cunnny was constantly with Luckia Naigue at Rangyem.

33 Vide Peroomaul Pillah's Declaration

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15th March in letter to Board 22d March 1799 &
this developes another intrigue in which Moottoo –
Sherogar the pretended guardian of Vyapoory of Pylney
appears the agent of Veerapatchee over the Cunniwaddy
Poligar as well as over Viapoory.

I have great reason to suppose the murders in Pylney and Ruttcambaddy in September and October/98 were instigated wholly by Veerapatchee & Moottoosherogar the proof of this can however be ascertained but from the parties – themselves.

35 Vide Declaration of Mauriapa Chetty.

37 Abdul Nubby. Vide Remarks on Mauriapa Chetty's declaration.

In my letter 12th December 1798 regarding the attack on Nellacottah by the Colleries I mentioned to your Board the intention of Poojaury Naig to attack the valley, in conjunction with the other Poligars therein named the whole of this declaration confirms all I have before noted. but the vigilance of the Sirkar peons saved the property of the ryots of the Sirkar the plunder that Poojaury Naig and his adherents carried off being from the Vadagerry Poligar and the remarkable good conduct of the – Poligars of the valley shews that Tippoo's man aided by Veerapatchee and Pujaury Naig could not influence – them to second their abominable proceedings.

36 Moolgoor belongs to Cunniwaddy

40 It is said by the Manardy that he ~~effected~~ his escape from Aulwarpillah at this time.

Tondigoody fire in January 1799

Puthenputty near Buttagoontah the ryots deserved all

all they got for not seizing Shotacurpen - whereby the murder of two of them strongly impressed the remainder of their improper conduct

In consequence of these horrid butcharies I desired that so soon as information which might be depended on, could be gained of Poojaury Naig and his banditti - the Sybendy should go the place where he might be, and bring him in deadoralive they found an opportunity which they used well on the 22d July - securing all the principals, save Poojaury Naig Comyreddy and Nynarpreeausum - the two former are in the Yellamaddy Pollam - the latter is said to be in Veerapatchee, but I suspect he is not I have written Mr. Collector Lushington on the subject of his seizure which I think will not be difficult if conducted quietly - and it certainly appears to me a matter of the first consequence that this murderous villains should be made an Example of.

41 When the Poligar did this he was under the influence of fear and severely threatned by Mr. Assistant Collector Ravenshaw

43d 22d July

& This brings it to the 26th July - the Poligar's letter of that Date is seen from this man to be a most artful evasion - Vide No. 2

No. 11

Shota Curpen's Declaration 31st July 1799

Para 3 Vilputty belongs to Pylney
Vide previous declarations

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10 I do not understand this relationship - Pujaury Naig's mother wife to Yellamoody is living at Yellamoody the woman who adopted him is dead - Pujaury Naig's wife is said to be daughter to Guntapanaig by a cousin of Veerapatchee's
Shota Curoopen himself killed the ryots the people bear witness against him

16 Addyooty is a spear made of Iron similar to the Cockspear thorn which they throw in paths to impede assailants.

17 this Collery confirms all preceeding but not so particularly - I have not therefore loaded this declaration with observations as the other enough has been written to prove the aid Veerapatche, in every treacherous and murderous designs and to impress me more and more with the positive necessity of his & his followers as herein implicated, extermination -

(signed) T B Hurdis
Collr.

14 May/57
Veeraly

To
Thomas B Hurdis Esquire
Collector Dindiguel &c. &c.

Sir

This detachment was in consequence of an attack on Vellacotta by Gollapanaig on the 11th December 1798 - vide letters 12th 18th 29th & 30th December

The alarm occasioned amongst the Naik Colleries by the Detachment you carried into the very bosom of their Country in December last and their

subsequent

Subsequent information states the attack on Nella-cotta to have been made by the advice of the Saupatoor Poligar who had by an attack on his own Pollam brought the Kautamears to a settlement for his support and had made collections on them. Gollapa Naigue trusted that he might do the same in Nella-cotta but the vigilance of the Sirkar Servants defeated every attempt.

The plundering parties of the Colleries were instigated by the Sultauns man Ghaze Cawn thro Veerapatche who prevailed on Culliana-tauen of Arifutty & the Poo-door Colleries to commence their predatory incursions Vide Parisvaumy pillah's declaration 16th March in letter dated 22nd.

Subsequent information from the Colleries from Poojaury Naiges afsociates and from the Sultauns people has confirmed the truth of the declaration of

subsequent peaceable conduct for five Months, (during which time not one incursion was made into this District;) had induced a faint, but as it has proved false that the predatory Conduct of these Marauders was in great degree, got the better of.

In the beginning of May however they began threatening the peace of the valley no serious attack was made excepting in March till the night of the 6 when in the name of Poojaury Naig the Colleries invested and plundered the Village Vada-gapatty, of sixty six bullocks, besides Shumboos of different sorts, Cloths &ca &ca to the value of 78 Chs. The cry of Poojaury Naig had on the ryots the intended effect for their fears so entirely overcame them, that they allowed their property to be quietly taken from them and tho' the attack was made at 12 O'Clock at night, they sent no one to inform the Tahsildar of the event till six O'Clock the next morning, when, vain as pursuit appeared

of Periasawmy of 16th March.

The Aripatty Colleries however did little as I happened to have two principal Cavemaurs belonging to that Village in Custody.

appeared, he followed the Colleries to Peelmancomby Canavoy, but they had escaped to the Naults with all their plunder.

At this time business detained me at Dindigul, but on the representations of the Tahsildars of the 2d & 4th Tockery and of Hircarahs from the Naults, towards the end of May, that the Cutam was there assembled with the intent to make incursions into this District, I came to this place on the 5th June determined to prevent if possible, the designs of these refractory tho much injured people.

From the 7th to the 15th I was engaged in inspecting every Canavoy from Natepulty to Guntapanaiganoor and in superintending the deligence and watchfulness of the several guards of Sybendy.

During this time, the Colleries hearing of my arrival, broke up the Catum, and dispersed to their respective Villages. when assured of this, I returned by the Pulatoor hill, to urge the vigilance an alacrity of the peons

peons in that quarter to Dindigul.

No sooner had I left the valley, than the Colleries were again in arms, and on the night of the 23d carried away from Chockuputty Village 32 bullocks, of these thirteen are restored, and the remainder, they have promised to give up in a few days I have little faith however in their words.

On the 2d Instant 19 bullocks were plundered from Seckyagoundenputty, but were recovered by the Circar peons, before the Colleries could reach the Nauts with them on the same night, a considerable number of Sheep were plundered from Mutiagounden-putty of Sundyoor these the Colleries have also promised to return.

On the 4th Boogumputty Village was plundered of sixty bullocks and Cloths &ca &ca to the value of 48 Chs had it been for the very infamous Conduct of the Vadagary Poligar's peons stationed in Peelman Comby who were eye witnesses to the Colleries carrying away the plundered cattle without attempting to put a stop to them, the whole of this property might have been recovered.

It appeared on enquiry that among the Poligar's peons were three Colleries concerned in some degree with these very plunderers, thence their unwillingness to attempt at preventing the mischief

The Poligar of Vadagherra is to weak to contend with the Colleries and too much under dread of them to give information of their conduct to the Sirkar his behaviour in this instance however was extremely improper & is deserving of punishment.

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mischief the Collieries were immediately seized; as was also the duffadar of the Poligars peons, who was at the time in Ramnaigputty of Buttagoontah Talook about three miles from Boogaraputty, and who by representing to the Duffadars of the Circar peons stationed there, that the Collieries were in great force and that he should remain to protect that Village prevented his following them, as he otherwise might have done. The Duffadar of the Circar peons is severely punished for listening to this man and I submit tho' the bullocks were not carried away through the Vadagherry Poligars bounds, yet as his peons were the cause of the Cattle not being recovered that he be made answerable for at least a large proposition of them.

On the night of the 8th Instant one hundred and fifty sheep were plundered from Condamanaigputty of Aundiputty but were recovered before the Collieries could get them to the Naute.

On the 9th thirty two bullocks were carried away from Mariamputty of Veerapandy, as this Village however is Guntapanaig Poligars Cawelly and the Cattle were carried all thro' his Cawelly to Yelemuddy Pollam, they of course are demanded of and will be recovered from him.

Except in the case of the Boogumputty incursion I have no reason to complain of the vigilance of the Circar peons, whom the Collieries cautiously and in general successfully

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endeavour to avoid, by climbing the sides of passes in the valleys of which, they are stationed, or in making their escape by those Canavays where Sybendy are not placed.

That you may be fully informed I have thought it necessary to relate every incursion made by these people, since you left Dindigul in April.

The Conduct of the Colleries of the Paupaurputty Vinedum I have before brought before your Board in the instance mentioned in my letter of 24th October regarding the restoration of property to the Pearl Merchants — I have every reason to suppose they have always been faithful to their promises.

Having reason to think the Paupurputty Colleries were among those assembled in the Nauts towards the end of May, I sent for Vellaueehatauen of that Vanedum, to meet me at this place, which he did on my arrival here the 5th June, he denied his or any of his brethern being assembled with a design to plunder in this District and told me all the people of the different Vanedums, who composed the Cutum then assembled.

I desired him to endeavour and persuade the Colleries of Nellataunputty to restore the Vadagaputty Bullocks he told me, if I wished it he would, but that it would be in vain, that he had before asked them to do so, but they would not — I naturally asked him why, he replied you shall hear what they told me

me — they said, "we know very well the Company's "army are now at Seringapatam there are no troops "at Dindigul or in any part of these districts therefore "we will use the bullocks while we can when we see "a party of troops come as far as Dodapanaigs Pollam, "it will then be time enough to give them up, and "the Circar having got the cattle will go back "again without hurting us"

Wholipah Naigue — Dodapah Naigue and Yellamoody have constantly shared in the plunder of the Colleries.

The Colleries aver they have often shared their plunder with the Amildars —

Could a strong guard of Peons be stationed in the Nauts, or one in Dodapanaigs and one in the Yellumuddy Poligar's Pollam, these lawless people might be better watched and their incursions more often prevented than they can be at present; but so long as they are quietly allowed to continue in their present independant state and I believe I may with truth say encouraged in their predatory incursions by those very people whom his highness the Nabob has been pleased to place over them I see no possibility of their ever entirely relinquishing their present marauding restless habits.

So much has before been written on, and so often has this subject been laid by you before the Board of Revenue, that it would be presumption in me to offer any further remarks to one so well acquainted with, and so fully conversant in the

the native disposition and present Conduct of these wretched people.

Their late constant incursions, are greatly accounted for by the famine existing throughout the more Southern Countries the want of rain to employ them in Cultivation, and the Celebration of their great and annual feast the beginning of every Audy Month—

I have to beg the particular attention of your Board to these letters No. 5 & 6 the insolence of which will fully shew the disposition of the Colleries and their state of insubordination—

They have written Olehs to the ryots of Aundipetty Condamanaigenpetty & other Villages in that neighbourhood, desiring them to send money, sheep and other things to enable them to carry on their grand festival they claim these things as a right alledging the Cawelly of those Villages formerly belonged to them, and for which they have received nothing these two years. As the sending Olehs in this way is only their way of declaring war. I expect an incursion will be made in that quarter, and am prepared to receive them—

The 1st Battn. 14th Regiment having returned to Dindigul, and the downfal of the late Mysore Government being known throughout the Countries (tho' for some time much doubted by the Colleries who sent people to ascertain the facts) I resolved to try what effect a remonstrance

to these people would have, and accordingly sent the enclosed Brauyetnamah No. 1 to the Tahsildar of the 4th Toskry on the 28th Ultimo, in compliance with which he wrote to the Colleries. No. 2 is the answer returned by those of Nellataunputty who plundered the Vadagaputty bullocks, that returned by the Vadagaputty Colleries who carried away the Cokaputty bullocks, being to the same effect I have not translated it.

Tho' their answers were all that could be wished, I still doubted, if they would keep their promise, the owners of the cattle however were sent into the Nauts, but returned without one bullock, the Colleries on frivolous pretences, refusing to give them up, tho' thirteen of those taken from Cokaputty have as before mentioned since been restored.

The Mellore Colleries have of late made no material incursions, and the Country about Vaimbarputty and towards the Nuttum pass has enjoyed thus long a state of peace and quietness.

Rauka the Mellore Culler who was a terror to that part of the Country, you were informed some days since, was taken by the peons stationed about Vaimbarputty the brethern of his Village have written Olehs to the ryots begging he may be delivered up and

The declaration of Rauka does not contain all he knows this man was the principal agent of the Poligar of Nuttum and the whole of the plunder lost from

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from Vaimbarputty Vun Madura &c. Villages for these last seven years have been chiefly carried off by him the account Mr. Wynch sent under date 24th October 1795 is from the Villagers & I have great reason to think it first.

and as he was a great man in his own Country, and much looked up, it is probable his friends may seek vengeance — I have therefore to be ready for them, augmented the guard of peons in that quarter

No. 3 translation of a Declaration given by Ranka will shew you how deeply, the Poligar of Nuttum and his people have been concerned in all predatory incursions that have been made from that quarter No. 4 declaration of the same man only affords me more instance of the disgraceful management obtained by the Madura Amildars, over the Mellore as well as Nauth Colleries

The Cutum is still Continuing in the Naute I came here on the 13th Instant and you may depend on my every exertion to preserve the peace and quiet of the Country.

I have now Sir to apologize for having entered into what might otherwise be called a detailed and elaborate discussion, the necessity of which I Conceive my subordinate situation dictates and to be Sir

Yours &ca.

(signed) I G Ravenshaw
Asst. Collr.

Nellacottah
16th July 1799

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No. 1

Translation of an Parwaneh Namah to Nutter Cawn Tahseeldar of Nellacottah Dated 28th June 1799

On receipt hereof you will write an Olah in your name, in the following terms to the Colleries who plundered the bullocks from Vadagaputty of Peracolum and Cockaputty of Codengynaigputty in the hope that they will return them.

You will write to them thus "Tho' it "is now many days since you plundered the bullocks from "Vadagaputty in the hope that you would return them "of your own accord my Master has thus long shewn you "favor. If you return the aforesaid bullocks imme-"diately it will be well; but if it is your intention "not to return them till you oblige my master to "come against you with a force, you will thereby "incur his severe displeasure, and cause him when he "does come to you, besides taking away the bullocks "you have plundered, to inflict on you such a "punishment as you never yet met with, and thereby "prevent your ever again plundering in the Company's "Districts.

If you consider this well, you must be convinced that it will be better for you implicitly to obey this order, than by disobeying it to bring upon you the ruin of yourselves and families.

You will write the same to the Colleries who took away the Cockaputty bullocks.

A true translation

(signed) I. G. Ravenshaw

Asst. Collr.

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No 2

Translation of an Olah from Punytaven of Nella=tavenputty. Received 5th July 1799 — no date

After Compliments — what you have said respecting the bullocks plundered from Vadagaputty of Peracolum is very right and proper —

Having cause for revenge against some of Bodynaig's Villages ten of our Children went there for that purpose, and not knowing the different lands, they by mistake brought away the Vadagaputty bullocks.

Whether the cause of the Colleries predatory incursion be such as I may justify their conduct or not, your Board will determine.

According the orders you have now sent us, if the owners of the bul=locks are sent here, they shall be restored to them.

We have ever conducted Ourselves to the Company, as to our great god, and trust therefore to their protection.

A true translation

(Signed) J. G. Ravenshaw

Asst. Collr.

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